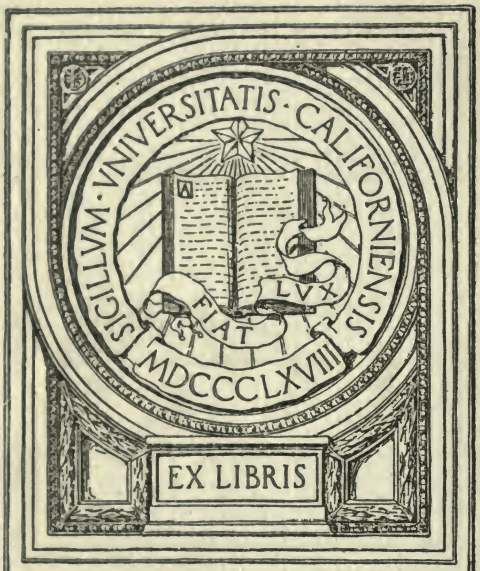

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Lecturing on the Probabilities of Life.

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PERHAPS RAIN—PERHAPS NOT.

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Dedikashun.

Mi admirashun for a man
who places himself at the head of
the proceshun
In Hiz Line,
and allmuss stays thare,
induces me to dedikate
This
Old Probability,
To
Baldwin the Clothier,
of New York,
Editor of "Baldwins Monthly"=
Josh Billings.

A REMARK.

It iz better to kno less, than to kno so mutch, that aint so.

SIGHNS OV THE ZODIAK.

The undersighned iz an Amerikan brave, in hiz grate tragick akt ov being attaked bi the twelve constellashuns.—(*May the best man win.*)

Head and Face. ♈

Arms. ♊

Heart. ♌

Reins. ♎

Thighs. ♐

Legs. ♒

Neck. ♉

Breast. ♋

Bowels. ♍

Secrets. ♏

Knees. ♑

Feet. ♓

KEY TEW THE ABUV PERFORMANCE.

Tew kno exackly whare the sighn iz, multiply the day ov the month bi the sighn, then find a dividend that will go into a divider four times without enny remains, subtrakt this from the sighn, add the fust quoshunt tew the last divider, then multiply the whole ov the man's boddy bi all the sighns, and the result will be jist what yu are looking after.

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BILLINGS' FAMILY TIME TABLE.

Amazi begot Hezaki, Hezaki begot Eldad, Eldad begot Behomath, Behomath begot Zepheniah (*Zepheniah waz a conumdrum maker, sum ov which hav been handed down*), Zepheniah begot Ezekiel, Ezekiel begot Issacher (*Issaker waz a bad speller, which haz bin handed down too*), Issaker begot Nehemiah, Nehemiah begot Methuseler, Methuseler begot Nabob (*Nabob waz a snob*), Nabob begot Jerrymiah, and Jerrymiah begot Absolum Billings (*who is admitted bi every boddy who remembers him tew be the most humblyest looking man in the 9th Century*). Absolum begot Josh, and so they kept bizzy begotting.

After the Billings family once struck the front name, *Josh*, they clung tew it. I find over 6 hundred ov that name extant, besides a grate menny who haz bekum extanted.

The Billings hav bin a helthy old breed az fur back az i have dug for them, which they owe principally tew a milk diet. It iz sed that Behomath Billings, one ov our pristines, could drean a cow perfektly dry at one sitting. If this iz so, it helps explain the great amount ov milk in the Billings natur.

I dont find enny old bachelors, nor old maids, amung our ansesstors, inkrease and multiply haz alwus bin the battle cry of the Billings.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS

AFTER SEEING THE ADVANCE SHEETS OV

Josh Billings' Farmers' Allminax

FOR THE YEAR 1870.

"We seldum notis the current Amerikan literature ov the day, but the Billings Allminax, soon tew be issued by Carleton, is a work for the mothers of the Amerikan Union."—*London Times, June 6th*, 1869.

"Josh Billings' Farmers' Allminax iz az phull ov gems az a diamond neklace, az phull of knowledge az Webster's Spellin Book, and az phull of cooking and cures az a parson's wife."—*London Atheneum, May 31st*, 1869.

"The virtewous thoughts in Josh's Allminax iz gin cocktails for the idle, and brandy straights for the viscious."—*Atlantik Semi-Monthly, May 3d*, 1869.

"The Billings' Allminax will prove a rare acquisition tew Amerikan literature; the astronomikal calculashuns are unique, the language elegant, the moral perfekt, the sentiments just, and the whole thing extremely bully."—*Boston Ledger, May 1st*, 1869.

"In theze daze of tawdry novels, imbecile poetry, and florid historys, it iz charming tew take up such a brilliant thing az Josh Billings' Farmers' Allminax, whare philosophy and sentiment frolik together, and whare wit sits in state, with one arm around the waist ov morality."—*Omaha Patriot, July 4th*, 1869.

JANUARY MONOGRAPH.

This month waz named after one Janus, a sharp sighted old chap, with a face like a pikaxe, so that he could look both ways at once, back onto the old year, and forward onto the new one. At the latter part ov his life he died of a thaw, leaving a snug little property, sum six or seven hundred dollars, which akordin tew one ov the bye-laws ov hiz will, waz invested in tin back thermometors, and distributed amung the suffering poor ov his native village, az mementoze ov Janus.

DOMESTIX RECEIPTS.

Tew find the square root ov a hog's noze, turn him into a gardin patch.

Tew enjoy a good reputashun, giv publickly, and steal privately.

Tew remove grease from a man's karakter, let him strike sum sudden ile.

Tew giv oysters an extra good relish, eat them at sumboddy else's expense.

Tew git wrong things out ov yure child's head,—comb it often.

Q. — What iz an old bachelor?

He who bi farmin would git ritch,
Must plough, and so, and dig, and sich,
Work hard all day, sleep hard all nite,
Save every cent, and not git tite.

A.—The hero ov a cot bedstead. ***—

●	☉	*Prognostix.*	*INK BRATS.*
1	S	♊ *Cold* ♞ △ ♂	When a rooster crows, he crows all over.
2	G	Daniel △ Lambert	
3	M	♂ ♀ born ☿ ♂ 1793	
4	T	*high* ⊕ *tides* ☿	
5	W	● *perhaps* ✖ ☊	
6	T	*rain* ☊ *perhaps*	
7	F	⊕ *not* ♋ Milky	A nu milk Cow is stepmother tew evry mans baby.
8	S	way *8* fust ✳	
9	G	discovered ♈ 1386 □	
10	M	♅ *Weather* ☉ ♎	
11	T	*shifty* ♀ ♗ lay in ♉	
12	W	♄ ☕ yure ice ♞	
13	T	cream cow ♨ ≅	
14	F	♓ for ♈ next ♍	
15	S	☉ summer ●	
16	G	⊕ ♃ *Sighns ov a* ♀	Whenever i kan find a real hansum woman engaged in the "wimmins rights" bizzness, then i am going tew take mi hat under mi arm, and jine the procession.
17	M	☿ ☊ ♋ *thaw*	
18	T	*it duz thaw* ♑ ☉ ♈	
19	W	● ☉ Gulliver	
20	T	♒ returns ♠	
21	F	from his ♍ ♃	Debt is a trap, which a man sets, and baits himself, and then deliberately gets into, — and ketches a kursid phool.
22	S	♑ travels ● 1700 ♊	
23	G	♉ ♄ now harvest	
24	M	yure ♂ snow ♃ ♀	
25	T	♓ *blustering* ♍ bull ♐	
26	W	frogs quiet ♞ ♃	
27	T	♗ ⊕ ♒ John ♋ ♊	
28	F	Smith △ born ✳	
29	S	⊕ ♓ ♎ for the	Angels handle the dice when doublets are thrown in the cradle.
30	G	fust time ♅ 485 ♉	
31	M		

FEBUARY MONOGRAPH.

This month haz but 28 days, the extreme kold weather that prevails haz puckered up the month. Once in four years thare iz a big melt and then the month swells, and haz 29 days. This month iz looked upon az unpleasant, and it iz unpleasant for digging out woodchucks, but for setting in front of the fire, and skinning apples, and snapping the seeds at the galls, it kant be beat. The name ov this month is derived from an old Chinese word (now lost) which means *condem kold.*

USEFUL HINTS TEW BOARDIN HOUSE KEEPERS.

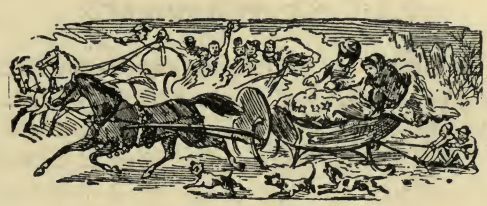
In buying roast beef, dont forgit, that roast beef, tew be bully, must be tuff.

Be kerful how yu soke yure makrel, too mutch sokeing, takes the wear out ov them.

In selekting a yung goose for yure table, dont forgit tew remember, that the longer a goose has lived in this world, the more experience he will hav, when he cums tew be chawed.

Keep a cow, and then the milk wont hav tew be watered but once.

Q.—What iz the best kure for lazyness? ♋ ♌ ♊ ♈ ☉



Bring out yure bran nu cutter,
And git yure galls consent,
Then hitch up Dobbin, or sum other kruttur,
And let the animile went.

A.—Milking a cow on the run, and living on the milk.

☺	☿	*Prognostix.*	*SHAD SCALES.*
1	T	♀ *Gusty* ♎ *squalls* ♐	Fools are the whet stuns ov society.
2	W	St. ♈ Valentine ♑	
3	T	♍ killed 270 ♋	
4	F	♒ *more gusty*	
5	S	Valentine ♃ ♄	If a man haint got a well ballanced head, i like tew see him part hiz hair in the middle.
6	G	waz ♄ Cupid's ♉	
7	M	♀ Corresponding	
8	T	Secretary ♗ *snow* ♀	
9	W	♎ *storms still*	
10	T	*loafing* ♊ *around* ♌	It iz a strange and lamentable fakt, that yu kant advance, nor even inaugurate, a moral movement without the aid ov money—yu kan run a saw mill on credit, but yu kant run the gospel.
11	F	⊕ *the* ♂ *sky* ✳ Roger	
12	S	Sherman waz a ♂	
13	G	shoemaker ¶ farmers	
14	M	♒ will ♏ now ♉	
15	T	● sprinkle their	
16	W	hay with brine ♋ ☺	
17	T	☿ and skratch their	
18	F	pigs ☉ backs ♍ *snow*	When i waz yung, i used tew feel good six days in two, but now i am old, if I kan manage tew feel good two days in six, i think i am doing fust rate.
19	S	△ *falls* ♀ *in* ♂	
20	G	*chunks* ♗ now ♅	
21	M	trap for ♒ mice	
22	T	♉ ♈ and other	
23	W	furs ♌ pepper ♊	
24	T	sass fust diskovered	
25	F	♅ 1496 *sighns ov a* ♋	Flattery iz like colone water, tew be smelt ov, not swallered.
26	S	**thaw* Ben Franklin	
27	G	waz a ☞ printer.	
28	M		

MARCH MONOGRAPH.

This month derives her pedigree from the Danish verb "*Whizz*," which means to blow, to wheeze, to snort, to pitch in endways, and crossways, to shake winder blinds, to smash barn doors, to skare pigs, to brake clothes lines, to make men sware, and wimmin balky. March iz principally immense for wind, but whare it all cums from, and whare it all goes to, are prize conumdrums which i kant untangle. Dogs kreated this month invariably hav the bark on.

ATTENSHUN FARMERS.

Rathbun's "Old oaken bucket washing masheen." For washing, bleaching, bileing, wringing, starching, blueing, hanging out, drieing, ironing, marking, fluting, and folding clothes, this lovely masheen haz no competitor in the male, or femail world. This iz the only masheen in the western hemisphear, that takes the inside cloth oph from a man's back on the keen jump, and puts it back agin, in 15 minnitts, washed, dried, ironed, starched, the buttons sowed on, and the collar turned down. Ask for Rathbun's Old oaken bucket washing masheen, and keep asking till yu git it, and when yu hav got it, hug it tew yure buzzum.

Q.—Will yu pleaze to define suicide? ♄ ♃ ♂ ♃ ♆ ♄

Mend fences now, and diches dig,
Lay in some cow, and little pig,
For milk, and pork,
Iz what enables a man tew do a good square day's work.

A.—Suicide iz cheating the doktors out ov a job.

♃	♅	*Prognostix.*	*SARDINES.*
1	T	♈ *Windy* † *winds* ☉	Thare is only one good substitute for the endearments of a sister, and that iz the endearments ov sum other phellows sister.
2	W	*with sighns* ♃ ♈ ♌	
3	T	☞ *ov* † ● † *wind*	
4	F	"Sorosis" (◎) fust	
5	S	born ● ♊ 1206 born	
6	G	☉ agin ♾ ♉ ☺	
7	M	1868 ♁ *very* ♁ *windy*	Cheerfull old girls are the brides maids ov society.
8	T	*with* ♂ ♊ *wind*	
9	W	♃ ♀ *gusts* peach ♋	
10	T	crop cut ♎ ♅	
11	F	off az ♁ ♈ ♆ usual	
12	S	Robinson † ♒ † Cruso	About the meanest kritter thare iz now travelling around on the buzzum ov the earth, iz a bashfull hypokritt.
13	G	♓ ♀ died ● 1492	
14	M	now yoke ♎ □ pigs	
15	T	and geese ✳ ♅	
16	W	plant ♋ lobsters	
17	T	and ● ♉ lettiss for	I hope i shall never hav so mutch reputashun, that i shant feel obliged tew be civil.
18	F	♋ sallad *look* ◎ *out*	
19	S	□ *for* ♈ *wind*	
20	G	count ♀ ♌ yure ♏	
21	M	≅ cockroaches ≅	
22	T	and see if ♃ ☉ enny	
23	W	♋ hav bin ● mislaid	
24	T	congress ◎ ◐	The biggest phool in this world hazn't been born yet.
25	F	adjourns ♈ less ♌	
26	S	wind *sour* ♋ *and*	
27	G	*cold* a ♁ ♅ good ♈	
28	M	♂ ♏ time ● to	
29	T	trade off ♌ ✖	Natur is just az honest az a cow.
30	W	a mule ☞ ◎	
31	T		

APRIL MONOGRAPH.

"April, dear April, chuck full ov charms,
Cum, cum, oh cum, tew mi arms,"

thus warbled the poet, more than twelve thousand years ago, and he knew his bizz, he had the right sting in him, he want none ov yure pedigree poets, nor dispepshee poets, nor whiskee poets.

Dandylions planted this month are almost sure tew hed out, so are tud stools, so are hed cheeze. This month iz also helthy for planting onions, onions are a luxury, and are good for a bad breth, or are bad for a good breth, i hav forgot which, but either way iz right.

VALUABEL ADVICE TEW YUNG SPORTSMEN.

☞ In fishing for musketoze dont wait for them tew bite the seckond time.

☞ The best bait for bed bugs, iz tew sleep three in a bed.

☞ The best mark for target praktiss iz an old maskuline goose, one goose will last yu for five years shooting, and when he finally gits struck with lightning, and begins tew perish, yu kan melt him up, and git out the lead.

☞ The best kind ov a spear, for bullfrogging, iz a four tined dung fork, when you git the tines all full, shoulder the fork, and put for home.

Q.—How long kan a goose stand on one leg?

Jethro Sparks cum tew town,
Athwart a kussid mule,
He wound hiz ears around hiz nek,
And called him April Phule.

A.—Try it,—that's the way the goose found out.

♄	♒	*Prognostix.*	*EMBERS ON THE HARTH.*
1	F	*Showery* ☿ *expekt* ♋	He whom the good praze, and the wicked hate, ought tew be satisfied with hiz reputashun.
2	S	♓ *rain* ♈ stern	
3	G	winter iz ♨ △ ♒	
4	M	o'er ♈ sow peas ☉	
5	T	and plant lambs ♎	
6	W	now ☁ Washington	
7	T	waz the ♜ father ♈	
8	F	♉ ov hiz ⊕ (country)	The less a man knows, the more he will guess at, and guessing iz nothing more than suspicion.
9	S	● *wet rain* ☉ ♈	
10	G	Washington ♂ when	
11	M	a little boy had ● ☿	
12	T	♏ ♊ a little ♯ ♌	
13	W	ax ♎ ♈ *gentle*	
14	T	♑ *showers* ♈ ♯ with	It is a statistikal fakt, that the wicked work harder tew reach Hell, than the righteous do tew git to heaven.
15	F	which he ♎ ♀	
16	S	⊕ ♓ tomahawked	
17	G	a tree ♋ *sig'ns of*	
18	M	♂ *moisture* but ♂ ♁	
19	T	when ♎ asked ♀	
20	W	♓ if he did the tree	When i git thoroughly ritch, the fust thing i intend to do, iz tew bekum respektabel.
21	T	cut ♈ *big rain* ♅ the	
22	F	♈ ♅ owned the	
23	S	korn ◐ ◎ lager	
24	G	beer diskovered ♎	
25	M	♈ not to be ♅ ◐.	
26	T	intoxicating §‡‖¶	Men generally, when they whip a mule, sware, the mule remembers the swaring, but forgits the licking.
27	W	1845 ♎ pattent taken	
28	T	out ♜ now dig ♉	
29	F	for umbrellers ♨ ♥	
30	S		

MAY MONOGRAPH.

May iz the belle ov the year, she haz worn the belt for five thousand years. If May hadn't hav been a sensible girl, she would hav bin spilte long ago with poetry and stanzy. But she is an independant kritter, and dont care one kuss for stanzy. This iz an eazy month tew fall in love, our naturs are now fully thawd out, after the late kold snap, and like a little melted brook, begin tew look around, tew find another little melted brook tew mix with. Oh! how precious and delightsum it iz to mix. Hive bees during this month, if yu hav got sum, if not, hive sumboddy else's.

PATTENTS ISSUED DURING 1869.

Feb. 1st. To Ambrose Griddle, Esq., a pattent for a hen's egg, which beats the natral egg for awl purposes, except, cooking, hatching, and eating.

April 13th. To Ezra Push, Jun., a pattent for a one wheeled velosipede. This wise instrumentality haz two handles tew it, and iz purswaded by taken hold ov the handles, and walking between them with a shove moshun. If it wasn't a velosipede, it would be an old fashioned wheelbarrow.

March 10th. To David Gibson, for a pattent goose yoke. These yokes are packed in cotton wool, and sent bi express all over the face ov the earth, they are sudden tew yoke a goose with, and no goose should be without one.

Q.—What will yu compare old maids to? ● ☯ ♃

The Rooster now with burstin thrut,
Proklaims the rozy morn,
And cacklin hens are telling us,
Anoother egg is born.

A.—Embers on the harth, from which the sparks have fled. ♏ ♊ △ ♂ ♀

♂	♀	*Prognostix.*	*RAMRODS.*
1	G	☒ "Physician ♌	
2	M	heal thyself," ⊕ ☿	Piety iz like beans, it seems tew
3	T	✳ big joke □	do the best on a poor sile.
4	W	⊞ on physician ♏	
5	T	now ♊ plant △ ♂ ♀	——o——
6	F	☾ corn ♀ for early	
7	S	whiskey ♂ *showers*	
8	G	*with sun* (☯)	About the hardest thing a
9	M	*in them* ♏ spring	phellow kan do, iz tew spark
10	T	♃ haz cum ♋ ●	two girls at onst, and preserve a
11	W	adorned like ♑	good average.
12	T	☻ a bride ☿	
13	F	*sighns* ♌ *ov*	——o——
14	S	♋ *rain* ☉ brides	
15	G	alwus create a ☉ ☻	
16	M	● ♋ ♑ sensashun	I had rather be a seed cow-
17	T	♏ *thunder* ♊	cumber, flung up on a wood pile,
18	W	*mixed with* △ ♂	tew ripen, than tew be an old
19	T	*rain* ∞ it iz more	bachelor.
20	F	♄ diffikult tew ♓	
21	S	be a bride ♈	——o——
22	G	♆ than a brides ☯	
23	M	maid ♎ babes	
24	T	☒ ♌ in the ⊕ ☿	Better leave yure children
25	W	woods diskovered ¶	virtew, than money, but this is
26	T	♊ △ 1626 ♂ ♀ '	a sekret known only to a few.
27	F	☞ harvest	——o——
28	S	cowslops for ♃ ♒	
29	G	greens ♏ ♃ eggs	Going tew law, iz like skinning
30	M	☞ plenty—	a nu milk cow for her hide, and
31	T		giving the beef tew the lawyers.

JUNE MONOGRAPH.

June iz twin sister tew May, lacking a month. She iz named after Juno, the spouze ov Jupiter, and she waz a stirring woman. June iz the mother of rozes and milk. June iz the stepmother of good gras butter, she iz also grate granmother ov Bakon and Spinnage. June iz a praktikal gusher, and i love tew stand one side, and let her gush,—i hav made it a rule never tew git in the way ov a gush ov enny kind,—i say tew everything, gush! oh, gush!

WORDS TEW HOUSEWIFES.

To make a cheap soup, take 5 drops ov good strong onion juice, add 2 gall's ov water, bile 10 minnitts karefully, and seazon with a couple ov phatt cockroches.

To make a hoe kake, take a hoe and bile it tew a thin jell, and then,—let her kake.

Tew skin a Eel, turn him inside out, and remove the meat with a Jack plane.

Tew make a hen lay 2 eggs a day, reazon with her; if that dont dew, threaten to chastize her if she dont.

Tew learn yure offspring to steal, make them beg hard for all that yu giv them.

Q.—Whi are robbers like rain? ☻ ☿ ♌ ♋ ♈ ☉

Now bate yure hook, and find a brook,
Where water runs the fasstest,
Thare lays the trout, jist jerk him out,
And chuck him in yure basket.

A.—Bekauze they fall on the just and the unjust.

♐	♎	*Prognostix.*	*OATS.*
1	W	*At times warm* ● *at*	The time tew be karefullest iz when we hav a hand full ov trumps.
2	T	☉ ♈ *other times*	
3	F	♌ *warmer* ♋ ♌	
4	S	muskeeters ☿ ☻ ♐	
5	G	♍ *8* looking for a	
6	M	job ♋ ♋ Sinbad	
7	T	the sailor ♆	Old dorgs nuss their grudges, but yung purps fite, and then frolick.
8	W	≅ wrecked ♀	
9	T	☞ 1385 *hot sighns*	
10	F	*ov warm* ◐ ♅	
11	S	*weather 8* straw	
12	G	berrys ☞ 25	
13	M	cents a quart ♁	*Mother!*—The holy thoughts, and memorys, that cluster around this name, can never be so well expressed, az in the calm utterance ov the name itself.
14	T	♁ ♐ strawberrys	
15	W	large, quarts small ‖‖	
16	T	♃ *showers* ♏ ♊	
17	F	*with* ♁ ♒ *rain* ⊕ ◐	
18	S	remember the ♈	
19	G	poor natur □ ♁	
20	M	grows ≅ Old	
21	T	♐ Grimes died	I thank the Lord for one thing, that the hardest word in enny language tew say, iz—No!
22	W	1785 ◐ he had	
23	T	♀ a good old *8*	
24	F	♆ soul ♗ *dark*	
25	S	*nights* ◐ mint	
26	G	juleps in ● ♍	
27	M	market *8* ♡ fakts	I had ratner undertaik tew be two *good* Doves, than one *decent* sarpent.
28	T	□ are stubborn ◐	
29	W	things ♂ so be mules	
30	T		

JULY MONOGRAPH.

July iz the sixth month, which ackounts for its being so near the middle ov the year. It derives its name from "Julos" a hot old phellow, who settled near the equator, at an early day, and kept every boddy in hiz naberhood, in a profound swett. July haz menny features ov *interest*, the *principle* one ov which, iz, the payment ov semi-annual *interest*, by most ov the banks, on the fust day ov the month, upon their *principal*. This iz a fine old custom, and i hope it will be kept up, for i own a leetle bank stock, and take sum *interest* in the *principle*.

A NEW TOOL.

"Rogers grate western hoss rake."

John Rogers revolving, expanding, uncerimonius, self-adjusting, self-contrakting, self-sharpening, self-greasing, and self-righteous Hoss Rake, iz now, and forever, offered tew a generous publik. Theze rakes are az eazy tew keep in repair az a hitching post, and will rake up a paper ov pins, sowed broad kast, in a ten aker lot ov wheat stubble. Theze rakes kan be used in the winter for a hen roost, or be sawed up into stove wood for the kitchen fire. No farmer, ov good moral karakter, should be without this rake, not even if he haz to steal one.

Q.—Whare do the vain go tew when they die?

Young man!—let hornets be, and dont go nigh
The pizen snaik tew mutch,
For during the month ov Julii,
They aint helthy tew the tutch.

A.—The barbers shop.

♒	□	*Prognostix.*	*DOUGH NUTS.*
1	F	☿ ⊕ *Mad dogs*	I hav alwus notised one thing, when a man gits in a tite spot, he dont never call on hiz friend the Devil tew help him out.
2	S	*seen* ♅ muzzle	
3	G	yure ♀ ♗ ♂	
4	M	☞ children ⊕	
5	T	♋ look out	
6	W	for a hotness □ ♅	
7	T	♏ owe no ♀	
8	F	man ♂ keep cool ♒	
9	S	*hail storm* □ *hail*	
10	G	♏ ♀ *stones* ♒ ♀	
11	M	*weigh sevral* ☞	The man who haz just found out that he kant afford tew burn green wood, haz taken hiz fust lesson in econemy.
12	T	*tons* ♂ ☾ that	
13	W	iz all ♄ ✳✳✳	
14	T	that fell ♃ *the*	
15	F	♃ *hot iz more* ☙	
16	S	*hot* ♂ ⊕ ♂ saw	
17	G	♀ horses begin ♐	I think now if I had all the money that iz due me i would invest it in a saw mill,—and let her rip.
18	M	tew pant ♋ ♒	
19	T	● *wet shower* ♂	
20	W	¶ Ω *more* ♞ ‖ §	
21	T	¶ *warm* ☙	
22	F	♋ ♃ a penny	
23	S	saved iz ♈ ♗	A good wife iz a sweet smile from heaven.
24	G	♏ worth ♃ two ♂	
25	M	lost ♒ ☿ pray	
26	T	for ice ♏ ♒	
27	W	♀ ⊕ flys lively	
28	T	● now harvest	A big noze iz sed to be a sighn ov genius,—if a mans genius lays in hiz noze, i should say the sighn waz a good one.
29	F	rye for ♂ ⊕	
30	S	whiskee ◐ ♅	
31	G		

AUGUST MONOGRAPH.

This month, for sum reazon, haz got a hot way ov doing things. Awl natur unties her corsets and loafs bi the side ov brooks, with stockingless feet, tew ketch the cool words ov singing waters, and watch the bubles ov sweet, that rize on the noze ov the green frog, az they set down on themselfs, on the moss upholstered stones.

Butter spreads itself freely during this month. Snakes slip eazy, and Cupid crawls behind the shadder ov a dieing roze, and shutes hiz gun at the galls, and boys.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

Tew milk a kicking cow, stand oph about 10 foot, and holler "*So!* darn you."

Tew make light bread, do az the bakers do,—call 9 ounces a pound.

Tew make oxtale soup, bile an ox in a pot, and let the caudel continuation hang over the edge ov the pot and drip.

Tew git at the solid kontents ov yure wife's tongue, be verry sweet with the new skool mom in yure distrikt.

Tew break a mule—commence at his head.

Q.—What iz the capacity ov an omnibus? ·a,

Now chop doun oats,
And hew doun barley,
Rize with the sun,
And go tew bed arly.

A.—The same az a grave yard, it takes all that cums. *‡*|¶

♌	☉	*Prognostix.*	*STUB ENDS.*
1	M	♂ Expekt pack ☙	
2	T	pedlers ☰§ *dry*	A lie iz like a kat, it never
3	W	*and hot* *** ice	cums tew yu in a straight line.
4	T	♀ iz trumps ‡	
5	F	*great drouth* ❦	
6	S	auctioneers ♈♍	
7	G	♀ dry ♀	
8	M	♋ up ☻ Don'	The longest lived thing i kno
9	T	Quixot fights ⊕	ov, iz a nikname.
10	W	a wind mill ◍ ≅	
11	T	1342 ♯♯ gits	
12	F	whipped the ♣	
13	S	♋ fust round	
14	G	❦ honesty ✖	Most men go through life az
15	M	iz the best ♀	rivers go tew the sea, bi following
16	T	policy ♂ better	the lay ov the ground.
17	W	♂ than a life ♣	
18	T	☰insurance	
19	F	policy §§ *uncommon*	
20	S	☕ *hot* ☆ rag dolls	If I had a mule who wouldn't
21	G	perspire freely ♍	neither kick, nor bite, i should
22	M	*rain with thunder***	watch him dredful cluss till i
23	T	☻ *heat increases*	found out whare hiz malice did
24	W	◍ *thermometors bile*	lie.
25	T	*over* ◍ Adam	
26	F	♀ waz the ♯♯♯	
27	S	fust man ♣	
28	G	*cooler* ♄ ☆ that	The devil iz a mean kuss, he
29	M	●* kissed a	never keeps hiz own promises,
30	T	woman ✳*‡	but alwus makes us keep ours.
31	W		

SEPTEMBER MONOGRAPH.

September iz named after "Septus" which thrashed out into Amerikan, means seven. I wouldn't take 500 dollars for the latin i know, and i don't kno mutch nuther. Sept. iz a lakadaisikal month, mello az the dekayed side of a punkin, and as sensitive az a boarding school miss, during her fust quarter in french. Natur makes her will this month—hogs root violently—birds hold convenshuns, and adjourn down south—tree toads boost each other up trees and warble sum anthems—katydids chew musick and spit it out freely, and bull frogs post their books.

MORE ADVICE TEW YOUNG SPORTSMEN.

In shooting at a deer that looks like a calf, always aim so az tew miss it if it iz a calf, and to hit it if it iz a deer.

In fishing for krabs, use yure fingers for bait, yu kan feel them when they fust bite.

Dont fire at a bumble bee on the wing, not till he settles, then take good aim, and knok him endways.

In bobbing for Eels, use a raw potato, yu may not bag much Eels, but yu kan bag a bob, that yu kan hand down tew yure ancestors untarnished.

Q.—How fast duz sound travel?

A.—The sound ov a dinner horn travels one mile in a seckond.

This month pull flax,
And teeth that ake,
Lay in bees wax,
And emptins kake.

♃	☿	*Prognostix.*	*OLD CHEEZE.*
1	T	*Limpsey weather* ♀	Medicine haz cost the world more than bread haz, and haz killed more than it haz cured.
2	F	☾ moon in perigree	
3	S	☁≏ Jim Crow	
4	G	born 1836 ♓ now	
5	M	♆ ◍ dry apples	
6	T	for sass ⊛ *rain*	
7	W	*threatnings* ♎ money	Marriage tew a coquette iz often, "letters ov marque and reprisal."
8	T	tight ♀ ♗ fall	
9	F	bonnets appear ♄	
10	S	♋ ♨ they are	
11	G	ravishing ♊♏	
12	M	*cool* ♏♃ to a 20	It iz very diffikult for a poor man tew be superior tew hiz fortune, and more diffikult for a rich one.
13	T	dollar bill ☻	
14	W	☿ now fish for ♌	
15	T	crabs ♊ *rain drizzle*	
16	F	♀ crabs bite with	
17	S	their feet ☾ *smoky*	Hunting after health, iz like hunting after fleas, the more yu hunt, the more *flees* you will find.
18	G	*weather* ☁≋ and	
19	M	hang on like ♓	
20	T	a poor relashun ♈	
21	W	♆ use cod ♎	
22	T	liver oil ♗	
23	F	♋ *more wet* □ for	The devil iz sed tew be the "father ov lies," if this iz so, he haz got a numerous family, and sum very promising children amungst them.
24	S	greasing waggons ♄	
25	G	grate snake ~~	
26	M	seen at ♂ ✳	
27	T	Nuport 1820 △ 12	
28	W	miles long ♂ Venus	
29	T	*an evening star ✳	
30	F		

OCTOBER MONOGRAPH.

October iz one ov the fall months, Adam iz sed tew hav fell this month, but sich assershuns are like standing oph a half a mile, in a cloudy day, and guessing at the number ov fleas on a dorg, more sincere, than sartain. The strongest attrakshun for me, in this month, iz her natral cider; the man who don't admire good natral cider, must be a condem phool.

Prepare for a hard winter during this month, bi repenting ov yure sins, and gitting up a good big wood pile.

PECK'S CHURN, AND BRISTOW'S SOWING MASHEEN.

Theze churns are the pride ov invenshun, the genius ov improvement, a viktory over time, and a conquest ov labor. They will fetch butter from cream in 2 seckonds, from milk in 2 minnitts, and from water, inside ov a very short time. Better be without a spellin book, or even a pack of kards, in a growing family, than not tew hav one ov Peck's Churns. Peck iz a philanthropist, every housewife in the world, should put on a clean white apron, hold up both hands on high, and shout, Bully!! oh! Bully! for Peck.

Buy Bristow's double-thread, cross-stitch, rivet-seam, dovetail-hemmer, lighting-movement, krank-moshun sowing masheen. Theze masheens took all the premiums at the late lamented Paris imposishun, and one ov them, which waz sent tew a farmer in Tiogy county last fall, on trial, sowed up the whole family in a hard not, in less than three days, besides sowing fourteen acres of winter rye.

Q.—Will you pleaze to state what lies are? ⊕ ♌

The yello korn now scents the gale,
And harvest boys the milk maids wake,
With matin songs, in praizes of,
Hasty puddin, and Johnny kake.

A.—Lies are the grease on the snaiks belly. ♒

♋	♐	*Prognostix.*	*BIRDS TRACKS.*
1	S	☉ Jack Frost ●	How menny people thare iz whoze souls hang in them, like the pith in a gooze quill.
2	G	born ♈ of	
3	M	poor but honest	
4	T	♋ ☊ parents ☿ now	
5	W	hunt for cider ☻	
6	T	♐ moon in ♒	
7	F	apogee ♏ ♃	Opinyuns are like other kinds ov vegetables, worth jist what they will fetch.
8	S	● *air brittle* ♋	
9	G	snakes hang ♑	
10	M	♏ up their sled	
11	T	*sighns a kold* ♊ △	
12	W	*snap* ♂ ♂ let her	
13	T	snap ♂ ♐ begin	When a man gits so reduced that he kant help ennyboddy else, we then vote him a penshun for the rest ov hiz life, by calling him a *poor devil.*
14	F	yure promiskuss	
15	S	sparking ♀ ♅ ♂	
16	G	♌ ♓ knowledge iz	
17	M	power ♗ pumpkin	
18	T	pies begin ♉	
19	W	tew loaf ♗ ♂	
20	T	around ✳ ♄	
21	F	☁ Bonaparte	A lie repented ov bekums the truth.
22	S	crosses the	
23	G	rine ♓ ♈ *keen*	
24	M	*but cold* ♐ now	
25	T	butcher hens	
26	W	♏ ☻ ♐ for	I had rather be married tew an unabridged Webster's diktionary, than tew an unabridged literary woman.
27	T	thanksgiving ♉	
28	F	☸ ♨ *frosty* △ lay	
29	S	in yure	
30	G	♨ winter clams ♨	
31	M		

NOVEMBER MONOGRAPH.

Everyboddy wants tew be sassy at November—to turn her the cold shoulder—tew nuss all their old akes anew—tew look az sour az a pot-bellyed pickle—tew hunt for a kat's tale tew step at,—but i aint! November iz when i harvest mi happiness, when i gather into mi pious korn krip, the moral sowing ov the whole year. I am only sorry for one thing during the month ov November, and that iz, that i am sich a poor, weak, unsartin, sinnerly cuss, and that mi nabers aint much better than i am.

SUM MORE HINTS TEW BOARDIN-HOUSE KEEPERS.

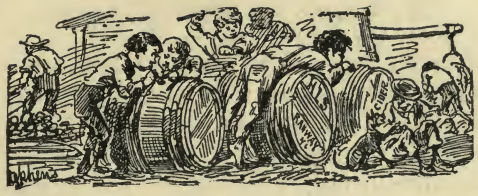
1st. If your boarders take sugar, and milk, in their kaughphy, dont put in mutch sugar, bekauze yu kno they hav milk, and dont put in but little milk, bekauze they hav sugar.

2d. Bukwheat kakes made out ov wheat bran kost less, and soak up molasses more carefully.

3d. In negotiating for sassige, do yure bizzness with the bolony men, then you kno what yu are gitting yu kant alwus tell what country sassige kontains.

4th. Be kind tew cockroaches, for they often make a plate of butter last a whole week, and when you pray, alwus pray for the light eaters.

Q.—What iz the eazyest vittles tew digest?



Pick apples now, and cider make,
And in a barrel juice it,
Then git a straw, without a flaw,
And through the straw seduce it.

A.—A good joke.

		Prognostix.	*SHOE PEGS.*
1	T	*Sour cold* a	A debt iz alwus a growing, if it dont gro in size, it grows in heft.
2	W	⊕ stampede in	
3	T	Brigham (†)	
4	F	Youngs family	
5	S	□ *more cold* he	
6	G	suddenly bekums	
7	M	unwedded *more*	
8	T	[‡†] *sour* △ for a	There iz lots ov folks in the world, who covet misfortins jist for the luxury ov grunting.
9	W	large () amount	
10	T	*rain* and iz	
11	F	left a 75 hoss	
12	S	power widdower	
13	G	*clammy and raw*	Hope iz a draft on fewturity, sumtimes honored, but generally extended.
14	M	Brigham burys	
15	T	himself in	
16	W	weeds *blustering*	
17	T	● at the bottom ov	Prosperity makes phools, and adversity cures them.
18	F	his garden patch	
19	S	*cold with sourness*	
20	G	Brother Brigham	
21	M	rallys *sighns ov*	
22	T	*snow* he iz sealed	A dandy iz one ov Fashion's Eunuchs.
23	W	seven times in one	
24	T	day *sour*	
25	F	*with wetness*	
26	S	* sealing wax	
27	G	advances 10	If yu want a true friend, hire him bi the month, and pay him fair wages.
28	M	[*] cents on a stick	
29	T	now chop wood	
30	W		

DECEMBER MONOGRAPH.

This iz the last month in the Josh Billings Farmers Alminax. Other dutys, ov a maskuline natur hav forced us tew haul in our gang plank. We would like tew hav hung on a month or two longer, and made a big thing ov it. Dear Reader we must part, and it iz like pulling angleworms out ov their holes, almost sure tew part the angleworms. I shall think ov yu az long az i liv, please tew resiprokate, when yu remember me, by uttering a tear. I hav taken a kontrakt tew remove the muskeeters from the State ov Nu Jersee, west of the Rocky Mountains, tew their new reservashun, and i am anxious tew git the bulk ov them started before they thaw out. I may lose mi life in the undertakin, but i have bin told by good judges, that it is sweet tew die for ones country. I kant tell whether this iz so or not, i never tried it. Good bye, this kussid muskeeter kontrakt iz wearing on me.

FAMILY MEDICINE.

Joel Biggs' Sticking Salve.

A thing well stuck, iz stuck forever.
This salve will stick enny man.
It will undoubtedly stick the "coming man."
It haz stuck every man that haz cum yet.
No family should be without this matchless sticker.
(Unless they are too much stuck up allreddy.)
It iz put up in sticks twenty feet long,
To stick a man at a distance.

Q.—Let us hear yu define water? ♍ 24 ♉ ● ♌

Pile hi the harth, with beechen wood,
Load down the kitchen table,
Fill up the old klay pipe,
And go it while yure able.

A.—Water iz,——iz goose bitters. ♁ ● ♁ ♁ ●

♐	♌	*Prognostix.*	*GOOD BYES.*
1	T	♀ ♃ *Cold* ♋ ♒	I thank God most fervently for one thing, and that iz, when everyboddy else iz happy, i am sure to be.
2	F	*snow* now ♓ ♈	
3	S	inflate sassige ♑	
4	G	"Necessity iz the	
5	M	♐ () mother ov	
6	T	invenshun" ● ☉	
7	W	♍ *more snow* ♀ ♗	
8	T	invenshun waz born	
9	F	in Nu England ♊	
10	S	♃ *cold* ♋ Plymouth	Love iz sed tew be blind, but i kno lots ov phellows in love, who kan see twice az mutch in their sweethearts as i kan.
11	G	rock discovered ♄	
12	M	1620 ♐ punch fires	
13	T	♀ ♗ Old Zip	
14	W	Coon died	
15	T	1840 ♌ *snow* ⊕ too	
16	F	much hard ♐	
17	S	cider floored him ♂	If yu want tew git a sure krop, and a big yield, sow wild oats.
18	G	♍ ♅ *bitter cold* □	
19	M	☞ Santy Claws	
20	T	created △ year	
21	W	disputed ♂ thare	
22	T	iz menny a ♒ ♍	
23	F	● rose born tew ♉	The chains ov slavery are none the lighter for being made ov gold.
24	S	blush unseen ♑ ♈	
25	G	¶ espeshilly negroes	
26	M	[—] *more colder* [—	
27	T	1870 dies ♅	
28	W	pile on the ♆	
29	T	♋ ☉ bed clothes ¶ ♈	In youth we run into difikultys, in old age, difikultys run into us.
30	F	good night ! ! ! ! ☉	
31	S		

EXTRA EKLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1870.

There will be eklipses this year which have been overlooked by other Allminax makers.

First.—Thare will be semiockasional eklipses ov the moon, kauzed bi brandy smashes gitting between that virtewous and pale old woman, and the eyes ov sum ov our most promising young men.

Second.—There will be a few eklipses ov the Son, kauzed bi the old gentleman cutting oph the supplys ov Charles Fitz Henry Augustus. (Bully for the old gentleman.)

Third.—Thare will be domestik eklipses (visibel only tew the naked eye) kauzed bi the new Comet Sorosis jumping out ov her pasture, and cantering around promiskuss.

Fourth.—Thare will be teetotal eklipse during the whole of the *Year* 1870, ov all other Allminax, throughout the earth, upper and lower kanada, and sum parts ov Nu Jersee, kauzed bi the immense circulashun ov the JOSH BILLINGS' FARMERS' ALLMINAX.

I never argy agin a suckcess, when i see a rattlesnaiys hed sticking out or a whole, i bear off to the left, and say to misself — that hole belongs to that snaif.=

Josh Billings

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Cider may be a good temprance
beverage, but i hav seen folks
git so drunk on it, that they
couldn't tell one of the 10
commandments from a byel
law or a base baul klub. =
Josh Billings

BISMARCK AND SOZODONT.

She was at the German Court,
When Prince Bismarck said, in sport,
"How is this? 'Tis often said
Yankee teeth are soon decayed;
But I never saw such fine
White and solid teeth as thine!

"Never! English, French, or Spanish,
Prussian, Russian, Dutch, or Danish;
Never! By the Caspian Sea,
Persian Gulf, or Zuyder Zee;
Never maiden's teeth like yours—
Such a double row of chewers!"

Then she answered, "Ah, Your Highness!"
And she glanced a-down with shyness,
"Few girls had worse teeth than we did
Till we found out what was needed;
Now they can't decay, and won't,
For we all use SOZODONT."

THE TWELVE ZODIAK SIGHNS

IN THE

BILLINGS' ALLMINAX.

Fox. ♈

Raccoon. ♊

Monkey. ♌

Rooster. ♒

Fly. ♐

Codfish. ♓

Hornet. ♉

Cockroach. ♋

Swine. ♍

Goat. ♑

Angleworm ♎

Cat. ♓

Names ob the Sighns in the Billings' Allminax.

(Stinggus,) the Hornet.
(Bugguss,) a Cockroach.
(Roottus,) the Swine.
(Crawluss,) a Angleworm.
(Buttuss,) the Gote.
(Sneakuss,) a Kat.

(Saltuss,) the Kodfish.
(Buzzuss,) a Fly.
(Struttuss,) the Ruseter.
(Munkuis,) a Munkee.
(Stealuss,) the Coon.
(Foxus,) a Fox.

Pordunk Valley Rail Road.

RULES, BY-LAWS, AND REGULASHUNS.

1. Conduktors are positively forbid trieing tew pass each other on a single track.

2. Passengers are warned ov the great danger ov standing on the platforms, — menny a promising man haz lost hiz life by having a platform drop from under him.

3. Positively no droves ov cattle or swine allowed on this road unless they are travelling the same direckshun the trains are.

4. Engineers are earnestly requested tew keep their cow ketchers well greased, and will bear in mind that when a cow iz ketched the hide belongs tew them; but the beef and tallo iz tew be sent immejiately tew the president of the road.

5. Enny switchman running a train oph from the trak will be find 10 dollars, and interest on the fine at the rate of 4 per cent per annum untill the fine iz paid.

6. No konduktor iz invited tew remain on this road 10 minnits who hasn't heard ov the 10 commandments, espeshily the one which sez "*thou shalt not spondulick thyself with the dimes ov another.*"

7. No charges made on this road for coroners' inquests.

HOW THEY DO TALK

ABOUT

Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax

FOR THE YEAR 1870.

"Giv me liberty, or giv me deth, but if i kant hav either, giv me Josh Billings' allminax for 1870."

"It kured mi wife ov wanting to die."

"It iz like peper sass in a hot day."

"The Billings Allminax will go father in a family than 12 dozen ov ginger popp."

"When i am sad and lonely, i fli tew its pages, like a bumblebee tew a full blown dandylion."

"It gave me grate presence ov mind."

"My wife brings up her ophspring, and duz all her plain sowing bi yure allminaxes."

"How cooling, and perforating it iz."

THE NATRAL HORNET.

The hornet iz a red hot child ov natur, ov sudden impreshuns, and a sharp konklusion. The hornets alwus f.tes at short range, and never argy a case, they settle all ov their disputes bi letting their javelin fly, and are az certain, and az anxious tew hit, az a mule iz. Hornets bild their nest whereever they take a noshun to, and seldum are asked to move, for what would it profit a man tew murder 99 hornets, and have the one hundred one hit him with hiz javelin. I kan't tell you jist tew a day how long a hornet kan live, but I kno from experience, that every bug, be he hornet or sumboddy else, who iz mad all the time, and stings every good chance he kan git, generally outlives all ov his nabors.

DOMESTIK RECEIPTS.

To make good ginger-snaps, take one pound of ginger, stir in a half dozen ov lively snaps, do them to a brown, and then lock them up, or the yung ones will hook them.

To learn a dog tew follow well, tie him tew the hind end ov an express train.

To find out whether a man has got a good moral karakter or not, ask him pleasantly.

To cure herring, — use Godfrey's Kordial.

Q.—Who waz the best dead beat ? ♃ ♀

He who by the plough would thrive,
Must no 2 forty kattle drive,
But worry the ground to and fro,
With horned kritters who skasely seem to go.

A.—Cain: he dead beat his brother Abel. ≅ ♏

☉	☽	*History.*	*HASH ON TOAST.*
1	G	● *Grate cold* ♄ ♅	All the good injuns die young.
2	M	Adam born ♂ ♂	
3	T	*cold grows* ⊕	
4	W	♎ ♅ Adam had no	
5	T	mother [☉] ♋	Mankind love misterys, a hole
6	F	☞ *simptoms ov a*	in the ground excites more won-
7	S	*thawness* ≅ bi	der than a star up in heaven.
8	G	industry we thrive	
9	M	*it looks like snow*	
10	T	Eve born ♅ 8	
11	W	*i shouldn't wonder*	Jist about az cerimonys creep
12	T	*if it did snow*	into one end ov a church, piety
13	F	Eve waz a	backs out at the other.
14	S	success ♈ ♅ ♏	
15	G	grate sassige riot	
16	M	in 1612 ⊕ ♌	
17	T	now haul ice ♯ ♅	Blessed are they who hav no
18	W	50,000 sassige	eye for a key hole.
19	T	destroyed ♅ *a thaw*	
20	F	*threatens* ♏ Adam	
21	S	waz a confiding man	Don't mistake vivacity for wit,
22	G	*thaw more threat-*	thare iz about az mutch difference
23	M	*ensome* ● he took	az thare iz between lightning and
24	T	the chances §	a lightning bug.
25	W	*colder* ♉ ♊ ♂	
26	T	and got badly beat	
27	F	□ ♒ *mercury*	
28	S	♑ *an inch* ☉ ♌	A coquett in love iz az tame az
29	G	*belo zero* ♏ ◐	a bottle ov ginger pop that haz
30	M	≅ ◑ beware of the	stood sum time with the corck
31	T	gout ♯♯ ♌ ♈ ♐	pulled out.

THE PROMISCUSS COCKROACH.

The Cockroach iz a bug at large. He iz one ov the luxurys ov civilizashun. The Cockroach iz born on the fust ov May, and the fust ov November semi-annually, and iz reddy for use in fifteen days from date. They are born four from each egg, and consequently they are all twins ; thare iz no sich thing in the annals ov natur, az a single cockroach. Their food seems to consist, not so mutch ov what they eat, az what they kan git into, and often finding them ded, in the soup, at mi boarding house, I have cum tew the painful conclushun, that the cockroach kan't swim, but that he kan float for a long time.

HINTS TEW YUNG WIFES.

1. Don't undertake tew liv with yure mother-in-law, but if wuss cums tew a wussness, let yure mother-in-law liv with yu.

2. Never let yure husband kno more than one haff the affeckshun yu hav for him.

3. Don't name a yung one after a bachelor brother, nor a bachelor sister.

4. Observe theze rules fondly, keep yure feet dri, and yure hair slick, and yu will prove a model wife, (and after that), an acceptable widder.

Q. — What iz the best thing out yet for real comfort? ♂ △

Now gather round the kitchen fire,
And pile the chunks on hier and hier,
Git out the old fiddle and partners choose,
And shake her down in your cowhide shoes.

A. — An aking tooth. ♂ ☻ ♍

♒	☉	*History.*	*CHICKEN SALLAD.*
1	W	♌ ♌ How doth the	Thare iz one kritter in this
2	T	little bizzy bee □	world whoze troubles yu kant con-
3	F	*it snows* △ ☁ ♋	sole, and that is a setting hen.
4	S	sting evry good	
5	G	chance he kan git	
6	M	now slaughter wood	Thare iz nothing like a sick
7	T	☻ ♌ *hazy* ♌ ♓	bed for repentance, a man bekums
8	W	Jo Smith created	so virtewous he will often repent
9	T	☻ 1818 ●	ov sins that he never committed.
10	F	*sum snow at Mont-*	
11	S	*real* ● ♆	
12	G	Jo Smith manufak-	
13	M	terd mormons ♊	One ov the hardest things, for
14	T	*squally* ♐ ☾ out of	enny man to do, iz tew fall down
15	W	phools ♂ ♌	on the ice when it iz wet, and
16	T	♆ virtew iz her own	then git up, and praze the Lord.
17	F	paymaster ♃	
18	S	*bitter cold* ♋ ♊	
19	G	Jo waz not a polly	
20	M	gamist ♄ ♀	Gravity iz no more posatiff evi-
21	T	* ☻ *sum more*	dence ov wisdum, than a paper
22	W	*coldness* ⊕ △	collar iz ov a shirt.
23	T	bully for Jo ♋ ♍	
24	F	grind stuns fust	
25	S	diskovered 1500¶	Curiosity often gets a mouse
26	G	*raw but cold* ♀ ♈	into a trap, — jist so it duz other
27	M	♀ whooping cough	folks.
28	T	iz ketching ♂ ⊕	

THE UNIVERSAL SWINE.

The Swine, (almost always) hav four legs, tho thare iz sum remarkable exceptshuns to this rule. Swine are good quiet boarders; they alwus eat what is sot before them, and don't ask enny phoolish questions. The Swine kan be larnt a great menny amusing things, sich az highsting the front gate oph from the hinges, and finding a hole in the fence to git into the cornfield, but it iz dredful hard work for them tew find the same hole tew git out at, espeshily if yu are in a hurry to hav them. This haz never bin fully explained, but speaks vollums for the swine. Swine can all root well, a swine that kant root well, iz a poor job.

HINTS TEW YUNG HUSBANDS.

1. Marriage iz a fair transackshun on the face of it.

———o———

2. Sum marry for buty, and never diskover their mistake; this iz lucky.

———o———

3. Sum marry for pedigree and feel big for six months, and then cum tew the conklusion, that pedigree aint no better than skim-milk.

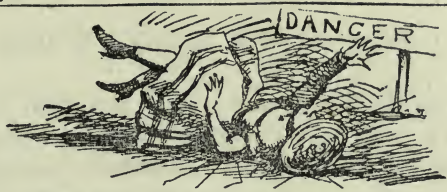
———o———

4. Sum marry tew pleaze their relashuns and are surprized that their relashuns don't kare a cuss for them afterwards.

———o———

5. Marry Yung! — thare iz but one good excuse for a marriage late in life, and that iz,— a seckond marriage.

Q. — Who iz the coming man?



Dear girls and boys, take mi advice,
And don't go on the rotten ice;
For many a gal has fell chuck in,
And thus has ketched her final ducking.

A. — The female suffragist.

☐	♃	*History.*	*CAPER SAUCE.*
1	W	*Streaks ov wind*	Natur never makes enny blunders; when she makes a phool, she means it.
2	T	♏haul in yure	
3	F	close line ☿ ●	
4	S		
5	G	♎*windy* ♂ ♊	
6	M	de gustibus non	
7	T	et cetera ♂ ♐	Thare iz sum pholks in this world who spend their whole lives a hunting after righteousness, and kant find enny time tew praktiss it.
8	W	♉*skey overkast* ♈	
9	T		
10	F	ignorance iz bliss ♂	
11	S	♃ bring out yure	
12	G	geese ♃ ♀ ♒	
13	M	△*cold wind* ✳	
14	T		
15	W	and let them March	Human happiness iz like the Hottentot language, enny boddy kan talk it well enuff, but thare aint but phew kan understand it.
16	T	*windy windness*	
17	F	§ use Higinbottoms	
18	S	pills ♉ ☿ ♏	
19	G		
20	M	♀ *wet rain* ♓	
21	T	they are az mild	Grate transgreshuns seem tew baptize themselfs, — if the Devil had only bin gilty ov pettit larceny, he never would hav bin heard ov agin.
22	W	az a juice harp ☺	
23	T	John Rogers died	
24	F	1683 ♂ ♋	
25	S	*sum more wind* ●	
26	G	he fell in the	
27	M	fire ♖ ♀ ♓	
28	T	♋ *8* now tap for	I dont kno ov enny thing more remorseless, on the face ov the earth, than 7 per cent interest.
29	W	maple sugar ⊙	
30	T.	♋ *hi winds* ⊕ ♊	
31	F	§ life iz uncertain ♎	

THE GRITTY ANGLEWORM.

Angleworms are ov earth, earthy, and crawl for a living. The angleworm, tho full of grit, iz not quarrelsome. It is sed (by naturalists) that angleworm ile, rubbed on the back ov the neck will cure a man ov lieing. I don't beleave this, unless it kills the man. Death is the only safe cure (that haz bin diskovered yet) for the falssehood disseaze. Angleworms are used by sum people az an artikle ov diet — (to ketch fish with). They are handy tew put onto a hook, and are dredful handy tew take oph agin, az every wicked person knows who haz fished all day Sunday for daice in a mill-pond.

HOUSEKEEPER'S GUIDE.

To make boarding-house hash, take a little ov every thing, a good deal ov nothing, and throw in a chunk ov sumthing; jam to a mux, cook over a kold fire, season with hair pins, and sarve it up on the jump.

———o———

To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while.

———o———

To find the solid contents ov a mule's hind legg, feel ov it clussly.

Q.—Define the "*fust impreshun.*" ♃ ♆

April phool waz born this month,
A simpleton, but clever;
And tho 4000 *years ov age,*
He's just az big a phool az ever.

A.—A mother's kiss. ♂ ♃ ♅ ♋

☉	♅	*History.*	*SHRIMPS.*
1	S	♃ *Liquid rain.* ♀	A man with a very small head iz like a pin without enny, very apt tew git into things beyond hiz depth.
2	G	The violet iz	
3	M	blew ✳ *showery* ♃	
4	T	hark! tis the	
5	W	noble bull	
6	T	frog's voice ♅ ♏	
7	F	*wet* ● ⊕ jews	
8	S	harps diskovered	
9	G	☞ 1296 ♇	
10	M	now plant	
11	T	gardin sass ♌ ♋	
12	W	☉ Cupid born 95	
13	T	*look out*	
14	F	*for some*	
15	S	*wetness* ♃ ☿	
16	G	Cupid is a lytle	
17	M	cuss ♋	
18	T	set out onions ♈	
19	W	*sumwhat wetty* ⊕	
20	T	♇ now hath the	
21	F	winter of our dis-	
22	S	kontent ♅ *gentle*	
23	G	*showers* ♑ finally	
24	M	thawed out ≅ *look*	
25	T	*out for rain* ♂ no	
26	W	kards ♏ *it duz rain*	
27	T	♃ Daniel Lambert	
28	F	was very	
29	S	phatt ♌	
30	G		

Thare are menny people in this world who are like flies, grate bores without meaning it, or knowing it,—"*shoo fly.*"

Falling in luv iz like falling into molassis, sweet but dredful dobby.

When i see an old man marry a yung wife, i consider him starting out on a bust, for i am reminded ov the parable about mixing nu wine into old junk bottles.

A lie iz like nitroglycerine, the best judges kant tell when it iz a going tew explode, and skatter a muss.

THE BELLYCOSE GOAT.

The Goat iz a coarse wollen sheep, with a cracked voice and a sanguine digestion. They had rather steal a rotten turnip out ov a garbage barrell than cum honestly bi a peck ov oats. They strike from the hed insted ov the shoulder, and are az likely tew hit the mark az a bumblebee iz. They are faithfull kritters in the hour ov adversity, and will stick tew a man az long az he lives in a shanty. They kan klimb evrything but a greased pole, and are alwus poor in the boddy, but phatt in the stummak. What they eat seems tew all go tew appetight. A phatt Goat would be a literary curiosity.

PREMIUMS.

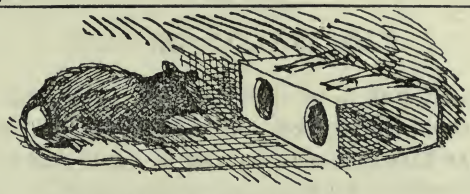
Awarded to Velosipede Riders in 1870.

To Abram Parsons, a premium ov 33⅓ dollars for riding a velosipede down the back stairs ov a gimnazium, and knocking out 18 ov hiz front teeth, and distorting hiz noze.

To Nimrod Sturgiss, a copper medal with 9 dollars, and a nu pair ov dorg skin gloves, for riding a velosipede into a mill-pond, and gitting drowned.

To Marshall Peaboddy Smith, a puss ov 2 dollars, and a life membership in the mackerel club, for riding a velosipede over a nu milch cow, and splitting a telegraph pole from top tew bottom.

Q. — What waz the name of Shakspear's dog? ♋



Now plant oats and gardin sass,
Yoke geese, and black snakes kill;
Set hens ; set traps for thieving rats ;
Set what you please, but don't set *still.*

A. — Dog-Berry. ♀ ♌ ♃ ♄

✳	☿	History.	PICKLED TONGUE.
1	M	♁ Dandylions in	The man who kant find enny thing to do in this world, iz az bad oph az a yerling heifer.
2	T	market ♂ *Soft*	
3	W	*and barmy* ♀ who	
4	T	will be queen ♂	
5	F	♋ □ of May ☉	
6	S	*mild* ♒ it is hard	
7	G	to tell [?] ♋	
8	M	♃ Job waz a	I luv tew see an old person joyfull but not kickuptheheelsfull.
9	T	pashunt man	
10	W	*refreshing wet* ♊	
11	T	△ now ketch frogs	
12	F	*warm wetness* ♋	
13	S	Job had biles ♎ *more*	Don't lay enny certain plans for the fewter, it iz like planting tuds and expekting tew raize tudstools.
14	G	*warmy* ♏ tax	
15	M	collektors	
16	T	loafing	
17	W	around ● now	
18	T	chew lettuce ● *hot*	
19	F	♋ *with rain* ♏	
20	S	pole yuer beans ♓	Thare iz no pashun ov the human harte, that promises so mutch, and pays so little az *revenge.*
21	G	♏ *wind south*	
22	M	♗ Noah Webster	
23	T	waz a good speller	
24	W	♈ *sudden rain* ♀	
25	T	♎ ♃ he had bet-	
26	F	ter spells than	
27	S	Billings ♈ *expekt*	Thoze persons who spend all their time watching their simptoms, are the kind who *enjoy poor health.*
28	G	*rain sprinkles*	
29	M	go in when it	
30	T	rains ♊	
31	W		

THE MELODIUS CAT.

The cat hath been called a domestik animile but i never could tell whyfore. All thare iz domestix about a cat iz, yu kant loze one; they are as tuff to loze az a bad reputashun iz. Yu may send one out ov the state done up neatly in a meal-bag, and the next morning yu will find him along side ov the kitchen stove reddy tew be stepped on. They are az sollum az Mozes, but az phull ov the devil as Judas Iskariott Esq. Thare iz only one thing about a cat that i like, and that iz, they are very reasonable; a little money, well put, will go a grate way in cats. Cats are very plenty in this world just now. I counted 18 from mi boarding house windo, one moon lite nite last summer, and it want the best kind ov a nite for cats neither.

FAMILY NOSHUNS.

To pick out a tender goose, pinch him, and if he squeals, buy him.

———o———

To make good sharp pickles, whittle oph both ends ov them tew a pint.

———o———

To find how fur a frog kan jump, set a Frenchman to meazureing hiz jumps.

———o———

To git the affectashun out ov a man, make him sea sick, (when a man iz sea sick he iz inclined tew thro up all phoolish things).

Q.—What iz a good "*counter irritant*"? ☉ ☾

In this month, more than all the rest,
Thingz seem tew jump their very best;
Carrots and yungones, purp and kitten,
Like Joner's gourd, are up, and gittin.

A.—A young dri goods clerk.

		History.	*PARSNIP STEW.*
1	T	♆ Now hunt	A kicking cow never lets drive until just as the pail gets phull,—it iz jiss so with sum mens blunders.
2	F	for rozes ♒	
3	S	*warm hotness* ♈	
4	G	♆ the grasshopper	
5	M	iz a burden ♨	
6	T	☉ *muggy wetness*	
7	W	natur grows ♀ ♡	
8	T	♋ *hot* ♏	
9	F	☉ let her grow ✳	Whenever a minister haz preached a sermon that pleazes the whole congregashun, he probably haz preached one that the Lord wont endorse.
10	S	now ☾ ho korn ♋	
11	G	*wet sighns* ♐	
12	M	♃ *ov more rain*	
13	T	more grasshoppers	
14	W	born ♆ bet 10	
15	T	dollars it will	
16	F	rain ♀	
17	S	pride goes ☉ before	It aint mutch trubble tew bear the pain ov sumboddy else's lame back, but tew hav the lame back onesself aint quite so stylish.
18	G	a fall ♙ ✳	
19	M	♋ ☉ *exquisite*	
20	T	*rain* ♒ Jack and	
21	W	Gill went up	
22	T	the	
23	F	hill ♙ 1357 ♈ ♐	
24	S	♀ *hotter* ♨	The man who wont beleave enny thing he kant see, aint so wize az a mule, for they will kick at a thing in the dark.
25	G	Jack △ and Gill	
26	M	cum down	
27	T	the hill 1358 ☾	
28	W	☾ now take it	
29	T	eazy ♈	
30	F		

THE BRINY CODFISH.

The codfish iz the fruit ov the oshun, which accounts for their being so salt. They are good eating for a wet day; they are better than an umbreller to keep a man dry. They want a good deal ov freshning before they are eaten, and want freshning a good deal afterwards.

If i can have plenty ov codfish for breakfast, i can generally manage tew make the other two meals out of cold water.

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MELKISIDEK BREWSTERS LIGHTNING ROD.

For drawing lightning, theze rods hav grate strength and endurance.

They will draw litening from the uttermost parts ov the earth, or pull it in two.

Yu may bury one of theze rods 10 foot under ground, and litening will hunt till it finds it.

Yu mite az well undertake tew eskape natral deth, or a constable's warrent, az tew eskape litening with one ov theze rods ov yure house.

Buy one ov Melkisidek's rods, and if yu haint got enny house tew put it on, you kan set it up at the forks ov the road, and steal all the litening in the naberhood.

Q. — When iz a ship az sick az her passengers are? ♏

Hornets now are on the wing,
Red hot, and crazy for to sting:
Oh, don't go ni the tarnal kritters!
For they are sure, and pizon hitters.

A. — When she heaves too. ♃ ♌ ♐

♈	♌	*History.*	*GREEN GOOSE.*
1	S	♂ Ice iz king	Every time a man laffs he takes a kink out ov the chain ov life, and thus lengthens it.
2	G	*hot and warm* ♈	
3	M	Sampson waz a	
4	T	strong man *very hot*	
5	W	he could lift a	
6	T	ton ♗ *hotter* ♏	Three skore years and ten iz mans furlo, and it iz enuff, — if a man kant suffer all the mizery he wants in that time he must be numb.
7	F	with hiz	
8	S	little finger ♑	
9	G	♈ *hot increases* ♋	
10	M	now beg for	
11	T	ice cream	
12	W	♅ *thunder shower*	
13	T	*in the west* ♉	A crowing hen, and a cackling rooster, are very misfortunate poultry in a family.
14	F	♎ the goose iz not	
15	S	a game bird ♈	
16	G	♅ *grate*	
17	M	*hotness* ♏ ♒ mad	
18	T	dorgs around ♎ *bile-*	Man iz mi brother, and i konsider that i am nearer related tew him through hiz vices, than i am through hiz virtews.
19	W	*ing hot* ♐ Noah	
20	T	had three sons	
21	F	*thunder and* ♋ ♎	
22	S	♄ *litening* ✳	
23	G	♑ Noah	
24	M	owned the ark ♑	We should not forgit one thing — thare iz not a sure thing on this footstool, — even the best tooth in our head may fall tew akeing before sunset and hav tew be jerked out.
25	T	*much hot* ♂ in	
26	W	♃ Adam's fall	
27	T	♀ we sinned all ♈	
28	F	Yew bet, ♊ Andy	
29	S	Johnson waz a	
30	G	Taylor ♏ ♄	
31	M		

THE FREQUENT FLY.

The fly iz not only a domestik critter, but a friendly one. How they git born i don't kno, but i hav thought they didn't wait tew be born, but come just az they am. Menny ov them are cut off in the flower of their youth, and usefulness. Sum loze their lives by lighting too near the rim ov a toad's mouth, and fall in when the toad gaps. Thousands find a watery grave, bi gitting drowned,—in milk-cans. Flys morally considered are like other human beings, they wont light on a good helthy spot in a man, not if they can find a place that iz a little raw. I beleave they are ov temprate habits, and altho they hang around grocerys a good deal, i never see a fly the wuss for liquor, but i hav often seen liquor, that waz a good deal the wuss for flys.

WANTED.

Wanted, several fust class yung men, with mustash, tew hang around the vestibules ov the different churches in amerika, and stare at the females az they pass out.

Yung men who understand the use ov tobacco prefered.

No yung men accepted who kant stare the brass buttons oph from a military coat, at twenty paces.

This iz a rare chance for yung men ov real genius.

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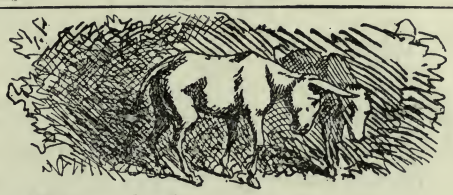
Q. — Why iz woman like an echo? ♃ ♐



All nature bileth.
Roosters pant and so do lizzards;
The mules upon the dusty road
Kan't raise a trot, to save their gizzards.

A. — Bekauze she will hav the last word. ♊ ✱ ♅

☉	✱	History.	GIBLETS.
1	T	*warm with* ♌	Lazyness iz a good deal like money, — the more a man haz ov it the more he seems tew want.
2	W	♐ *hot streaks*	
3	T	Jack	
4	F	the giant killer ♊	
5	S	*much hotness* ♃	
6	G	♂ killed a giant	
7	M	1250 ♋ *look out*	It iz hard work at fust sight, tew see the wisdom in a rattle snake bite, but thare are thousand ov folks who never think ov their sins until they are bit bi a rattlesnake.
8	T	*for a grate hot* ♈	
9	W	the giant waz 25	
10	T	foot square ♯ ☿	
11	F	*hot* ♀ ♅ ♋ in	
12	S	his stocking feet	
13	G	*cooler* ♎ oh for	
14	M	a lodge in	
15	T	sum vast woods	
16	W	*thunder and* ⊕	
17	T	☽ *litening* ♋	
18	F	on a straw mat-	
19	S	rass ● *more*	
20	G	♌ *hotter* ☿ now	
21	M	dig for mint	
22	T	juleps ♐	
23	W	*gigantik rain* ♆	
24	T	♋ let her drizzle	
25	F	*very heaty* ♈ ♅	
26	S	meazles diskovered	
27	G	♃ 1600 ♋ *hot*	
28	M	snakes lively ☉ my	
29	T	name iz	
30	W	Norval ●	
31	T		

THE READDY ROOSTER.

Roosters are the pugilists among birds, and having no suitable shoulder tew strike from, they strike from the heel. When a rooster gits whipped the hens all march off with the other rooster if he aint haff so big, or so hansum. It is pluck that wins a hen. Roosters az a class wont do enny household work; yu kant git a rooster tew pay enny attenshun tew a yungone. They spend most ov their time in crowing and strutting, and once in a while they find a worm, which they make a grate fuss over, calling their wives up from a distance, apparently tew treat them, but jist az the hens git thare, this elegant cuss bends over, and gobbles up the worm.

Jist like a man for all the world!

HOUSEHOLD COMFORTS.

Tew git rid ov cockroaches, — sell yure house, and lot, and flee tew the mountains.

———o———

Tew make a slapjax that will do grate service, — cut it out ov buckskin, and fri it tew a koal black on a greaseless griddle.

———o———

Tew pick out a good husband! — shut up both eyes, grab hard, and trust in the Lord.

———o———

Tew make a kat mad, — trod on her continuashun.

Q.—What is wealth? ♃ ♋ ☉

The carrion crow sits straddle the fence,
Trying az hard az he can to weep,
Az he thinks ov death and its consequence
To spavined hosses and rickety sheep.

A.—Baggage at the risk of the owner. ♒ ♀

♃	8	*History.*
1	F	♒ *Exquisit and*
2	S	*soft wind*
3	G	*melts* ♃ angels
4	M	seen bi
5	T	moonlite
6	W	*fragrant show-* ♀
7	T	*ers* ♈ fust poet
8	F	born 642 ♋ *limpid*
9	S	*tenderness* ☉
10	G	*cam and cool* ♃
11	M	stars twitter ♂
12	T	♀ azure twilight
13	W	*wind sow bi sow*
14	T	*west* ♌ lovers
15	F	meet ♆
16	S	♅ *soft showers* ♒
17	G	and kiss ♌ harvest
18	M	yure pumpkins ♈
19	T	♋ *slick weather*
20	W	hark! from the
21	T	tombs a doleful
22	F	sound ♋ *soft wind*
23	S	Tom Corwin
24	G	waz a wagon
25	M	boy ⊕
26	T	*tender winds* ♋
27	W	☿ on linden
28	T	when the
29	F	sun ♋ waz low
30	S	

CRANBERRY SAUS.

Love is like the meazles, we kan't hav it bad but once, and the later in life we hav it the tuffer it goes with us.

The miser who heaps up gains tew gloat over, iz like a hog in a pen, fatted for a show.

Most every one seems tew be willing to be a phool himself, bu he kant bear to have enny boddy else one.

The man who haint got an enemy, iz really poor.

Advise iz like kastor ile, eazy enuff to giv, but dredful uneazy tew take.

THE DOOCED MONKEY.

The monkey iz only valuable tew look at, and wonder what in thunder he iz a going tew do next. He haz not got a Webster head, but hiz face iz a biled down dew drop ov malishus cunning. He resembles the skey terrier in the bild ov hiz features, and skratches his head az natral az the school boy, — and probably for similar reasons. They are sumtimes kept az pets, but if enny boddy should pet me with a monkey, i should send him right back bi the same person who brought him, marked with *Baldwin The Clothiers* trademark, — C. O. D.

KONNEKTIKUT BLEW LAWS.

1. No man must chu enny tobbackó on the sabbath day unless he goes down cellar and duz it.

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2. No yung woman haz a right tew be had in matrimony unless she kan make a good doe nut out ov rhy bran, and one that will keep a year in a damp place, without loseing its twist.

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3. If a man gits drunk, he must git drunk on Nu England rum.

———o———

4. No man shall be entitled tew work on the road, or set on the jury, who aint handy with the 10 commandments.

Q. — What did Joner do while in the whale's stumak?

Sweet cider now, and punkin pize,
And maidens fair, and doughnuts greasy:
Who wouldn't be a farmer's boy,
So phull ov phun, so free and eazy?

A. — The best thing he did waz tew git out ov it.

⊕	♒	History.	BEEFSTAKE AND ONIONS.
1	G	*Gentle frost* ♖	Thare aint but phu men who kan stick a white hankerchief into the brest pocket ov their overcut without letting a leetle ov it stick out, — just bi acksident.
2	M	✳cider invented	
3	T	1536 ☽ *sighns*	
4	W	*ov snow* ⊕ *wind* ♐	
5	T	*shifty* ♄ *it may*	
6	F	*snow, and it may*	
7	S	*not* △ *calm*	
8	G	*coldness* □ now	
9	M	potatoes dig ♋ *wind*	A cheerful old man, or old woman, iz like the south side ov a wood shed, in the last ov winter.
10	T	*8 nor by*	
11	W	*nor west* ♀	
12	T	♃ David slewed	
13	F	Goliar	
14	S	*cooler* ● with a	
15	G	small rock ☿ hens	Men mourn for what they hav lost, wimmin for what they hain't got.
16	M	begin to lay ♓	
17	T	*snow squalls* ♎ *cold*	
18	W	☞ let it squall	It iz very eazy tew repent ov sins we hav committed, but to repent ov thoze we intend tew commit, iz asking too mutch ov enny man theze days.
19	T	who cares ♂	
20	F	♃ ♄ Eve waz the	
21	S	first woman ♉	
22	G	*raw cold* ♂ ☉	
23	M	who fooled	
24	T	her man	
25	W	*sharp frost* ♋	Pitty costs nothing, — and aint wuth nothing.
26	T	♏ down with △	
27	F	♌ the taxes 8	
28	S		
29	G		
30	M		
31	T		

THE LOAFING RACCON.

The Raccon iz a native amerikan. His family consists ov one wife, and three children, who liv with him on the inside ov a tree. During the winter he ties himself up in a hard knot, and lays down bi hiz fire side. When spring opens, he opens too, and goes out tew see how the chickens hav wintered. I never knew a raccon tew want enny thing long, that he could steal quick. I hav had tame coons bi the dozen, but i dont advise enny boddy tew cultivate coons; they want as much waiting on az a blind mule on a tow path, and thare aint enny more real proffit in them, than thare iz in a stock dividend, on the Erie railroad.

HOME DOINGS.

Tew freshen a salt mackerel, — tow him one summer behind a steam bote.

———o———

Tew make a man good mad, — starch hiz stockings a leetle too stiff.

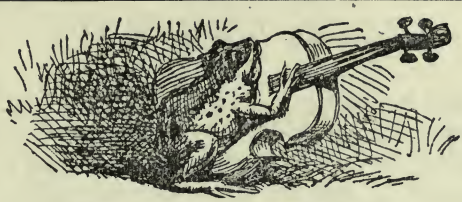
———o———

Tew be one ov the "*oldest inhabitants*," remember very well, when yung Nebudkenezzer waz a babe.

———o———

Tew be happy, — eat molasses, and swing on a gate.

Q. — What iz ginger pops? ♀ ♃ ♏ ♀



The bullfrog haz hung up hiz fiddle,
The bug and the cricket are still;
No more can be heard in the marshes,
The musketo fileing hiz bill.

A. — Gim-nastick water. ♀ ♌ ♃ ♋ ♃

☉	♈	History.	SLAP JACKS.
1	W	*Sour and* ☉	A dog iz the only thing on this earth that luvs yu more than he luvs himself.
2	T	☞ *sad* ♏	
3	F	grate skassity ov	
4	S	grasshoppers ♄	
5	G	*sour and* △ ♋	
6	M	*chilly* ♒	
7	T	Brigham Young	
8	W	born 1818 ♀	
9	T	*cold* ☊ Brigham	
10	F	was a *youngster* ♅	
11	S	*snow on the*	
12	G	*mountains*	
13	M	♈ in time of	
14	T	peace	
15	W	prepare for	
16	T	war ⊕	
17	F	*raw rain* ● ☊	
18	S	♈ now lay in	
19	G	a bad cold ☿	
20	M	for winter △	
21	T	♃ *it snows* ⛄	
22	W	the festive	
23	T	cockroach	
24	F	haz fled ♂	
25	S	● winter draws	
26	G	ni ♃ *cold and*	
27	M	*clammy* ≅ kats	
28	T	swell with	
29	W	crossness △ ☿	
30	T		

Lies are like illegitimate children, liable to call a man *Father!* when he least expekts it.

A gentleman iz a gentleman the world over,— it iz only the loafers that differ.

What men kant do they are very apt tew admire, — they dont criticize a mountain bekause they kant make one.

Sekrets are cussid poor property enny how; if yu cirkulate them yu loze them, and if yu keep them yu loze the interest on the investment.

THE THOUGHTFUL FOX.

The Fox iz a literary bird; he waz a genius long before akedemick honors flourished; he waz a poet, skoller, and sage, before the days ov Homer and Herodotus; and in our times he iz the Ben Butler ov diplomacy, and the Brigham Yung ov matrimonial ethicks. The fox haz no moral honesty but he haz got a grate supply of *politikal honesty.* If another Fox in hiz parish wants a good phatt goose, he will work hard tew git him the goose, and having cleaned the meat all oph from the subburbs ov the goose, giv hiz politikal friend the bones, telling him with a smile in hiz eye, "*that every thing iz lovely and the goose hangs hi.*"

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Mothers lament for Madam Filkins liquor for babes.

Babes bawl for it.

Nurses pray for it.

Fathers buy it bi the barrell.

Q. — What is pity? ♉ ♍ ♏ ♋ ♎ ♊

Now kil pigs and bucher hens,
Murder geese and ducks that quack,
Chop down wood, and sassage make,
And evenings play — Hylojack.

A. — Cheap charity. ♐ ♓ ♂ ♒ ♊

☿	H.	*History.*	*OYSTER PADDYS.*
1	F	♎1871 haz	One ov the fussyest scenes i ever beheld waz two old maids waiting on one sick bachelor.
2	S	about pegged	
3	G	out ♌	
4	M	*bitter cold* ♑ ♂	
5	T	♉Homer waz a	
6	W	good poet	
7	T	eggs dredful	Revenge iz just az natral to flow az milk, — yu will see little boys club the post that they bump their head against.
8	F	uncommon♋	
9	S	*grate sno storm*♏	
10	G	♂ Congress iz a	
11	M	sitting ♊ ♨	
12	T	*cold*♒ but don't	Opinyuns are like turnips, worth just what they will fetch.
13	W	♒hatch out enny-	
14	T	thing ♊ *wind*	
15	F	*north* ♈	Courage without discreshun, iz like a ram with horns on both ends, he will hav more fights on hand, than he kan do justiss to.
16	S	beware of false	
17	G	proffits *ice iz*	
18	M	*from* 12 *inches to*	
19	T	*a foot thick*♏ ♊	When yu find a man who iz very solisitus about the welfare ov everyboddy, yu kan safely put him down az one who iz hunting for a misfortune.
20	W	Soloman waz a	
21	T	smart man♨	
22	F	☿ *sighns ov a thaw*	
23	S	he waz a good	
24	G	judge ov the sex ●	
25	M	*colder* ♌ the	
26	T	year drops its	
27	W	curtain ♄ *the wind*	
28	T	*moans* ♓ farewell	
29	F	my countrymen ♅	
30	S		
31	G		

KALKULASHUNS OV A PROGNOSTIX NATUR.

Whenever yu see a flok ov geese all standing on one leg, except the old gander, and he chawing hiz cud, look out for a south-west wind tewmorow, or the next day, or the day after, or at sum fewter time.

Should thare be cold weather during Febuary, and should roosters refuse to crow, and the taxgatherer forgit tew call on yu, yu will hav tew trust in Providence, and go it blind, for thare aint no man kan prognostix what will cum next.

Whenever dogs are seen travelling around with nothing to do and old maids refuse their tea, and hop vines wont klimb, and grind stuns wont grind, then yu may expekt a lite crop ov oats, and beans wont pay for harvesting.

If the sun rizes in the east, and sets in the west, and the bull frogs sings sams in the marshes, and thare aint no pulling hair in the family circle, things are about az near right az yu can git them.

Should there be no dew on the grass, in the morning before sunrise, it iz an infallible prognostix, that thare didn't enny dew fall.

Whenever yu see two crows on the railfence, one white and the other black, edgeing up to each other, look out for a nigger in the wood pile.

I thank the Lord that there is one thing in this world that money kant buy, and that iz.— the wag or a dogs tail.=

Yure untile, Josh Billings

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not mutch, Josh Billings

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THE TWELVE SIGHNS

IN THE

BILLINGS' ALLMINAX.

[This being Leap Year the sighns of the Zodiak are all on the rampage.]

Aries. ♈

Gemini. ♊

Leo. ♌

Libra. ♎

Sagittarius. ♐

Aquarius. ♒

Taurus. ♉

Cancer. ♋

Virgo. ♍

Scorpio. ♏

Capricornus. ♑

Pisces. ♓

Altho the sighns ov the Billings Zodiak are all on the jump this year, we beg leaf tew state, that thare iz no kauze for alarm. Once in four years this frolik occurs, and iz sed by the doktors to be necessary for their helth.

LETTER TO FARMERS.

Beloved Farmers:

Agrikultur iz the mother ov farm produce; she iz also the step-mother ov gardin sass.

Rize at haff past 2 o'clock in the morning, bild up a big fire in the kitchen, burn out two pounds ov kandels, and grease yure boots.

Wait pashuntly for da brake. When day duz brake, then commense tew stir up the geese and worry the hogs.

Too mutch sleep iz ruinous tew geese and tew hogs. Remember yu kant git ritch on a farm, unless yu rize at 2 o'clock in the morning, and stir up the hogs and worry the geese.

The happyest man in the world iz the farmer; he rizes at 2 o'clock in the morning, he watches for da lite tew brake, and when she duz brake, he goes out and stirs up the geese and worrys the hogs.

What iz a lawyer?—What iz a merchant?—What iz a doktor?—What iz a minister?—I answer, nothing!

A farmer iz the nobless work ov God; he rizes at 2 o'clock in the morning, and burns out a haff a pound ov wood and two kords ov kandels, and then goes out tew worry the geese and stir up the hogs.

Beloved farmers, adew.

JOSH BILLINGS.

EXTRAKT OV LETTERS.

Fredom Senter, Nov. 17th, 1870.

FRIEND BILLINGS:

Thi Allmanax for 1871 waz good for the flesh, az well az for the soul ov man; it fatted me distinktly on the ribs. *I remane thine.* *Obadiah Broadbrim.*

———o———

MR. BILLINGS:

We shall hereafter embody yure Allmanaxes in our journal. *Editor of London Athaneum.*

———o———

DEAR JOSH BILLINGS:

Enklosed in this letter, yu will find 17 cents for one allmanaxt; i am poor, and this iz all the money i hav got, and i haint got no live mother.

Charley Briggs, Jun.

———o———

Klamburgh, Oktober 30, 1870.

DEAR MISSER JOSH:

The lor bles yuse, and yuse allmanaksts for 1871; it made dis chile perspire gratuitussly wid bliss.

Yure cullud person friend, *Josepheen Johnsing.*

———o———

MISTER JOSHUA BILLINGS:

I hav both ov yure 2 allmanaxes for 1870 and 1871, and wish yu would send me bi the barrow yure allmanaxes for 1872 and 1873 and 1874, exklusive. I will emit the munny in a fu daze. No more now from yure loveing friend, *Jerusha Sheldon*, dauter ov widdo Sheldon, near Spraker's Mill, on the Coshokton pike.

HOROSKOPE FOR JANUARY.

The yung gentleman born this month will remane a bachelor untill hiz 16 year, and will hav kurly hair. He will finally settle down still, and marry for life. Hiz father will be a grate lover ov phast horses. He will liv tew be over 60 years ov age, and die worth about 750 dollars, klear ov awl debt.

———o———

The yung lady born this month will kno how tew pla on the pianner, and nit worsted. She will be a blondy, and be near sited, and fall in luv with grate diffikulty. She will finally git wedded tew the man she marrys, and her whole life will be eazy. If she marrys the seckond time her husband will be a dentist or an alderman.

ADVICE TEW YUNG KLERGYMEN.

Dont preach the gospel for less than 850 dollars a year, salary payable quarterly in advance.

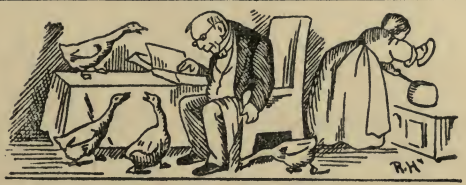
A congregashun who kant afford tew pay 850 dollars a year, want a missionary more than they do a klergyman.

Be sure and run the church; don't let the church run you.

Az i sed up at the top, git az mutch ov yure salary az possible in advance, for i dont kno ov enny det so hard tew kollekt az a minister's salary, after it once gits kold.

31 Days. JANUARY. 1872.

Q.—Who had the best artikle ov pashunce? ♃ ♃



A stirring man iz nabor Bush,
Yu never ketched him idle;
Six daze he works, and sundaze he
Salts geese, and reads the bible.

A.—Job. His pashunce waz biled down to a spot. ♃ ♃

♋	♃	*Kalkulashuns.*	*RAMRODS.*
1	M	♄ Now pik geese ☽	Revenge sumtimes sleeps, but vanity alwus keeps *one I* open.
2	T	☿ *awful*	
3	W	*kold* ♊ ♀	
4	T	thou shalt not	
5	F	commit	
6	S	swareing ♃	
7	G	♌ □ *more sighns*	Thare iz nothing in this world that a man pays so hi a price for, and gits so little ov hiz munny back, as he duz for Repentance.
8	M	*ov kold* ♅	
9	T	♋ now bruize wood	
10	W	♈ *it iz kold* ♓	
11	T	♎ Jim	
12	F	Sheriden	
13	S	born 1818 ♃	
14	G	*now expekt*	I hav finally cum tew the konklushun, if a man kant be born but once, he had better issue proposals tew hav it dun sumwhare in Nu England.
15	M	*a thaw* ♋	
16	T	♍ Jim	
17	W	waz a	
18	T	fiddler ♒ ♆	
19	F	♍ *it duz thaw* ♈	
20	S	☻ thare are no	
21	G	fiddlers	
22	M	in heaven ☺	The only human being on the face ov this earth that I. really envy, iz a laffing Christian.
23	T	*thaw kontinues* ✳	
24	W	in kase ov	
25	T	doubt, lead	
26	F	trumps ♏	
27	S	♅ *the thaw freezes*	Men ov little authority are like men ov little strength—alwus anxious tew lift sumthing.
28	G	♉ now	
29	M	mix	
30	T	sassige ¶ ♍ ♯♯	
31	W		

HOROSKOPE FOR FEBUARY.

The man born this month will be good looking, but too mutch prone tew toe in when he walks. He will hav 2 wifes, and a small hand, except when he plays whist; then he will hav a big one. Hiz fust wife will be kross-eyed, but hiz seckond one will be kross all over. He will hav 4 children, who will all pass through the meazles, with grate credit tew themselfs and no disgrace tew the meazles.

———o———

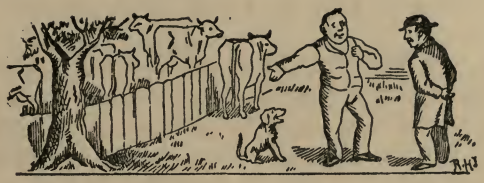
The yung female born during this month will show grate judgement in sorting her lovers, and will finally marry a real estate agent. She will hav a phew failings; but who cares? she wouldn't be interesting if she didn't. At 28 she will be a widow, and at stated intervals will be inklined tew gush a little. *(For the sake of variety we say, let her gush.)*

A GOOD FAMILY JOB.

(*To kure bed bugs.*)

Bile the bed bugs tew a gravy; then take equal parts ov sassyfrass rutes and mingle with the gravy; then find a hoel in the ground that aint occupied; then pour the gravy into the hoel; then fasten up the hoel with 2 pounds ov gunpowder; then tutch off the hoel with a 10 foot poel; then run like litening. If this don't kure the bed bugs, and the hoel too, they hav both got it the natral way, and kan't be healed.

Q.—What iz the surest gait on the road? ♅ ☉



Sim Blodget waz an awful brag,
Alwus telling sumthing or nuther,—
"Square Brown and he kept 60 *cows!"*
The square kept 59, *and Sim the tuther.*

A.—A toll-gate. ♂ ♀ ♐

♒	♏	*Kalkulashuns.*	*THISSELS.*
1	T	*Kold, but sharp*	Thare iz two kind ov men that i dont kare to meet when i am in a grate hurry: men that i owe, and men that want to owe me.
2	F	● ♃ When this	
3	S	yu see, remember	
4	G	me ☉ ✳	
5	M	*sighns ov kold* ♅	
6	T	now puntch	
7	W	fires △ ≅	
8	T	*weather inkreases*	
9	F	● ♂ Dave Larkin	Jokes are like butternuts. To be good, they musn't be cracked flatways.
10	S	born 1763 ⊕ ☊	
11	G	*wind north* △	
12	M	Dave Larkin	
13	T	waz	
14	W	a	It iz just az natral tew be born poor az tew be born naked, and it iz no more disgrace.
15	T	hoss jockey	
16	F	*snow, mixt with*	
17	S	*kold* ≅	
18	G	Dave Larkin delt	
19	M	in	
20	T	saw-hosses ⊕	Truth iz like the burr docks on the end ov a cow's tail: the more she shakes them oph, the less she gits rid ov them.
21	W	*kold, but bitter* ♀	
22	T	♂ Oh! cockroach,	
23	F	whare iz	
24	S	thine	
25	G	sting? ♗	
26	M	*kold gits more so*	
27	T	☞ now giv in	I think young coxcombs end their lives az old slovens.
28	W	marriage ♁	
29	T		

HOROSKOPE FOR MARCH.

The man born this month will be inklined tew blow a little. He will be a domestik man, and will kno how to rok the kradle and pare potatoze. He will marry the only daughter of a widdo, and will be a good judge of mothers-in-law. He will die about the usual time in life, and leave a house and lot, with a small mortgage on it. He never will run for offiss but once, and then will git beat.

———o———

The woman who appears this month will be an old maid till she is 20 years old, and then will sudenly put a stop tew this kind ov bizzness, by investing in a yung man. She will be a good housekeeper, and kno how tew make a plum puddin, with the plums left out. She will hang on to her buty till she iz about 45; after that, she will hav to take her chances.

[*Advertizement.*]

Professor John Spruce (*graduate*) begs leaf tew inform the citizens ov Pordunk village that he will open a school for male yung men, over Nikodemus Bradley's waggon shop, in whitch will be taught the nobel art of chawing gum, in all the hier branches.

Private lessons administered tew yung ladiz at their boarding-house. The Professor pledges himself tew teach, in six easy lessons, the gum-chawing science tew a spot.

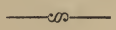
N. B.—Seckond hand gum alwus on hand, for sale low.

Q.—Who iz the champion ov lite weights? [♋]

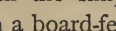
Dame Barker had a yerling hen,
Who swore she'd set, or raze the dickens;
The dame sot her on an ear ov korn,
And razed a bushel an haff ov chickens.

A.—The Nu Jersey musketeer. ♊ ♉ ♋

□	♎	*Kalkulashuns.*	*CODICILS.*
1	F	*Breezy* ♋ ♈	To work iz the grate law ov natur. If the woodchuck ever dont bild enny hole, he wont hav one. It iz true he may steal one; but then sum other woodchuck will hav tew dig two.
2	S	Klam soup diskov-	
3	G	ered 1500 ♊	
4	M	*sighns ov wind* ♌	
5	T	Jim Pettybone	
6	W	created 1312 ♋ ♋	
7	T	Jim waz	
8	F	an intemperance	
9	S	man [(⬭)]	
10	G	*mutch wind* ♋	
11	M	Jim Pettybone died	
12	T	♎ *wind grows* ♏	
13	W	Jim died ov the	
14	T	triangular	
15	F	lemons ♂	
16	S	*fresh, but windy*	
17	G	≅ now dig angle-	
18	M	worms ☉ ♂	
19	T	*wind rizes* ♋ ♐	
20	W	Lafayette waz	
21	T	a	
22	F	friend to	
23	S	this	
24	G	land ☿ ♑ ♎	
25	M	*wind*	
26	T	*inklined tew*	
27	W	*be windy* ♋	
28	T	♌ Tom Hyer waz	
29	F	a	
30	S	pugilissimus [§§]	
31	G		



Thare are folks who dont do enny hard work but watch their simptoms. I hav saw dogs akt just az sensibel. I hav saw a rat-tarrier watch the simptoms ov a knot-hole in a board-fence all day, for sum rat tew cum forth, and no rat didnt cum forth.



I alwus did admire the malice ov the mule. If a freak ov fortune had made me az misfortunate amung men az the mule iz amung animilds, i would begin tew let drive at things a mile an a haff off.

HOROSKOPE FOR APRIL.

The man born this month will hav a liquid tempra-ment, but not necessarily inklined tew licker. Hiz grate aim will be tew git married; and he will git hiz bird, bi marrying a butiful and also good-looking wife. They will liv happy az two lambs, and leave one son, whom they intended should be president ov the United States, but who very wisely konkluded tew be a merchant taylor.

———o———

The lady born this month will hav blew eyes, and a full set ov teeth. Her heart will be az tender az a porter-house steak. She will keep a lap dorg, who will hav weak eyes, and whose christian name will be Fanny. She will die and leave a bed-quilt, which will go down tew posterity, with upwards of 7 hundred blocks in it.

[*Advertizement.*]

JOB SARGENT'S KLENSING SOPE.

Job Sargent, being ov sound mind, and expressly afrade ov the devil, dont hesitate tew say that his klens-ing sope will take the spots oph from everything.

1st. It will remove the spots from a coach dog in 3 daze.

2d. It will take the spots oph from a ten ov dimonds in 15 minnits.

3d. Kan the leopard change his spots?—i answer it kan, bi using Job Sargent's only klensing sope.

4th. Persons ov a spotless reputashun, and anxious tew keep so, will never be without this sope.

5th. Job Sargent never told a lie—so did George Washington.

Q.—What iz the fastest trotting-time on reckord?

A sloven farmer waz old Snyder;
He spent his time a drinkin syder.
Together he worked a cow and muel,
And never sent his boys tew skewel.

A.—I dont kno az I kare.

♈	♊	*Kalkulashuns.*	*HOOKS* AND EYES.
1	M	♏ Now sort yure	Yu kant konvert sinners bi preaching the gospel tew them at haff-price. Enny sinner who iz anxious tew git hiz religion in that way iz satisfied with a poor artikle.
2	T	rats ♂ ☽	
3	W	*sum rain* ☁	
4	T	sow yure hoss-	
5	F	radish ♊ ♂	
6	S	⊕ *hot, but wet* ♁	
7	G	♂ hoss-radish iz a	
8	M	smart vegatable ≅	
9	T	☯ Bill Kurtis	
10	W	born 1749 ♂ ● ☯	
11	T	‖ *sighns ov rain* ‖	Prudes are coquets gone tew seed.
12	F	Bill Kurtis had	
13	S	a	
14	G	wodden leg ♌ ⚓	
15	M	*mild, but pleazant*	
16	T	♉ now bury beans	
17	W	♈ ♃ *warm wet*	Thare iz no better evidence ov wisdum than tew beleave what we kant understand.
18	T	♂ beans are a	
19	F	joyful krop □	
20	S	♊ *wind soft* △	
21	G	thou shalt not steal	
22	M	♂ *more wet* ♋	
23	T	plant pickels	Yu will alwus notis one thing: the devil never offers tew go into partnership with a bizzy man; but yu will often see him offer tew jine the lazy, and furnish all the capital.
24	W	for arly cow-	
25	T	kumbers ♀ ♃	
26	F	≅ *soft breezes* ☁	
27	S	now lend umbrel-	
28	G	lers ♈ ♀ *hot* ●	
29	M	now jerk lettiss ♒	
30	T		

HOROSKOPE FOR MAY.

The gentleman who invests hiz life in this month will be very quick tempered, espeshily when a hornet lights on him in anger. His mother will set a good deal by him, espeshily when he iz in the kradle. He will hav the mumps very light, and will spend most ov his life intending tew marry, but will die at last with a half dozen old maids on hiz hands. The wash wimmin will remember him az the man who never wore paper collars.

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The lady born this month will fust be a bud, and afterwards a blossom. Her heart will be az full ov twitter as a kanary bird on a perch. She will hav twilight hair. She will hav menny lovers. She will be reasonabel fond ov silk clothes, but her grate joy will be in a bonnet. She will hav az little jealousy az it is prudent for a woman tew hav.

CHOICE OLD RECEIPTS.

To learn a kat how tew bite—feed her on kat nip tea.

———o———

To remove goose pimples (from a goose)—loose the goose.

———o———

To kure a weak back—lay still for a week ahead.

———o———

To make yure mark—fall out ov a third story windo.

———o———

To ketch a bad kold—lay down on the ground, and watch for it, bi moonlite.

Q.—Who got the fust caneing? ♃ ♄ ☿

Now in the ground hide unyun seed,
Bury korn, and beetz, and lettiss;
Chuck in sum peas, and lima beans,
If the arth dont seem tew wettish.

A.—Abel. ♃ ● ♌

♌	♈	*Kalkulashuns.*
1	W	♅ Now kount yure
2	T	bees ♆
3	F	‖ *wet showers* ‖
4	S	expekt grass ♆
5	G	♋ Mary Spalding
6	M	born 1642 ♃ ✳
7	T	*warm, but sunny*
8	W	◐ Mary Spalding
9	T	waz a widder ♋
10	F	☔ *rain* ♒
11	S	now plant tud-
12	G	stools
13	M	☸ *hot, but cool* ☺
14	T	all men were born
15	W	free and equal ♎
16	T	☸ *more warmy* ♄
17	F	Joner waz
18	S	et bi
19	G	a whale ☿ ♃ ●
20	M	♆ *expekt rain* ♒
21	T	☺ dandylions draw
22	W	ni ♆ ◐ *hot*
23	T	*mildness*
24	F	now fall in love ♆
25	S	♨ *warm inkreases*
26	G	David Perkins
27	M	waz
28	T	a
29	W	hansum
30	T	man ● △ ♌ ♃
31	F	

PLUMB PUDDIN.

If i waz a-going tew civilize a parcel ov heathen (bi the job) on sum distant, far off, and remote ile, i should debate sum time in mi mind which tew send, an invoice ov dancing-masters or missionarys.

Hope haz made a grate menny blunders; but thare iz one thing about her that I alwus did like: she means well.

Most ennyboddy thinks he kan keep a good hotel (and he kan); but this akounts for the grate number of kussid mean ones all over the country.

Whenever yu hear a man who alwus wants tew bet hiz bottom dollar, you kan make up yure mind that that iz the size ov hiz pile.

HOROSKOPE FOR JUNE.

The male individual born during June will be one of 7 children, but not the only one. He will hav 3 brothers, and one sister, who will marry a hard shell baptist preacher. He will studdy law, and enter the profeshun with gilt edge prospekts, but his fust klient being a counterfiter, whom he succeeds in gitting clear, and receiving 50 dollars in counterfit money for his services, disgusts him with the bizzness.

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The female who appears on the platform this month will alwus hav cause tew wonder whi she did it. Her father will be a skool teacher, and he will bring her up in the distrikt skool bizzness. At 29 years and six months she will marry, and will be well edukated in the dutys ov a wife, for she will understand Daball's arithmetik, and parseing, just az eazy az falling down the cellar stairs. She will hav but one son, and he will be edukated oph from hiz feet at an early age.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRORNARY.

(*Advertizement.*)

Phelix Phungus (*dog dokter*), late ov the royal vetenary college, and 12 years in a doggery in the old country, offers hiz services tew the Pordunk people. He kan remove fleas from a dog in 16 minnits; he kan take the krook out ov a dog's tail in 13 minnits; he kan learn a dog tew lie in front ov a fire all day in 12 minnits; he kan tell how fast a dog kan run hitched tew a tin pail in 3 minnits; and kan tell how mutch sassage he will make bi just hefting him. Consultashuns free.

P. P. D. D. Phelix Phungus, Dog Doktor.

Q.—Who waz the weakest man? ♈

Mary Moore iz a farmer's lass,
She's winsum az a pozy;
The chap who ketches Mary Moore,
Wont be no kuntry josey.

A.—Fred Bennett couldnt lift hiz note for fifteen dollars. ♋

		Kalkulashuns.	*ROOTS* AND *ARBS.*
1	S	♎ *Sweetly warm*	8 wont go into 6, and hav ennything left over. Menny a yung phellow haz found out this bi trieing tew git a number 6 boot on.
2	G	♏ now grab roses	
3	M	♒ *frequent wet* ♋	
4	T	John Smith born	
5	W	in the year 4 ♐	
6	T	♈ *slitely hot* ♎	
7	F	John Smith waz a	
8	S	good investment ♀	
9	G	*warm, but growy*	Thare iz nothing a man will git so sick ov az too mutch molasses. (*Sweet girls, make a note ov this.*)
10	M	♗ John Smith	
11	T	waz	
12	W	better than	
13	T	kompound interest	
14	F	♊ *now imbibe*	
15	S	*fragrance* ♓	
16	G	♙ bully for John	Prudery iz often like the chesnutt-burr: it duz seem as tho it never would open, but by and by it yields tew the frost, and lets the fruit drop out.
17	M	Smith ♑	
18	T	*warm, but wet* ♒	
19	W	♂ Elihu Burritt	
20	T	waz a blacksmith ♂	
21	F	♋ *more rain* ♋	
22	S	now expekt	
23	G	snaiks ♋ ♋	
24	M	*sighns ov wet*	I dont beleave in the final salvashun ov all men, bekauze thare are so menny kases in which i kant see how it iz going tew be made tew pay.
25	T	*moisture* ♀ ♅	
26	W	♃ Horace Greely	
27	T	iz	
28	F	an	
29	S	editor ♏ ♌ ♊	
30	G		

HOROSKOPE FOR JULY.

The man mortal who cums tew the scratch this month will be a grate lover ov politikal life, and after menny stormy trips will settle in hiz natiff village a konstable, elekted by 19 majority. He will liv tew be ripe with old age, and hiz posterity will wonder how he managed tew spend a whole life in politiks, and keep out ov state prizon. (*Hiz posterity probably aint aware that a term in state prizon iz a good kard tew run for offiss on.*)

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The girl born this month will flash like a streak ov yello sunshine. She will be sought after like the balm ov menny flowers. She will hav poetry for breakfast, and spend the rest ov the day on zephyrs and chocalate karamels. The man who gits her for a wife will change into a butterfly, and the two will be seen, sum sweet nite this month, flieing away to the song ov the crickets.

ADVICE TEW YOUNG MEN.

Dont be diskouraged if yure mustash dont gro; it sumtimes happens whare a mustash duz the best, nothing else duz so well.

Dont be afrade ov enny thing that iz honarable, and dont forget that the best friend that God haz given enny one iz hiz conscience.

Larn tew wait!—this iz a hard gait for a yung man tew travel, but iz the surest way tew git thare.

If you hav got sum wild oats (and a phew wont spile yu) git them in arly, and sow them deep, so they will rot in the ground.

Q.—Which are two ov the lost arts? ♉ ♈

To brake a mule, or yoke a steer,
Bob Fletcher waz a reddy lad;
He and his mother worked the farm—
Krewel deth had took away his dad.

A.—Modesty, and good home-made bread. ♀ ♋

♈	♌	*Kalkulashuns.*	*PICKLED TONGUE.*
1	M	♃ ☉ *Hot* ☽ ☉	I look upon the north pole az one ov them pekuliar spots ov ground: if it aint never found, we shant be none ov the wuss off; and if it iz found, we shant be none the better off.
2	T	now lay in straw-	
3	W	berrys and kream ♗	
4	T	♅ *wind south* ♆	
5	F	♊ Frank Stebbins	
6	S	waz born this	
7	G	month ♌ ♊	
8	M	♞ *more heaty* ☻	
9	T	⚹ Frank Stebbins	
10	W	waz a hoss-jockey	
11	T	♌ *now expekt*	
12	F	*wet showers* ♏ ♈	I kant see what woman wants enny more "*Rights*" for; she beat the fust man born into the world out ov a ded sure thing, and she kan beat the last one with the same kards.
13	S	☄ Frank Stebbins	
14	G	had a lemon-	
15	M	colored mare ☁	
16	T	♑ *hot, but wet* ≅	
17	W	♋ this mare could	
18	T	trot suddenly ♞	
19	F	☉ *grate heatness*	
20	S	△ Abel waz a	
21	G	bachelor ☿ ●	
22	M	♓ *inkreasing*	The only thing which makes a mule so highly respektabel is the grate accuracy ov hiz kickings.
23	T	*warmth* ♉	
24	W	♀ now hunt	
25	T	for	
26	F	thunder	
27	S	and	
28	G	lightning □ ♏	
29	M	● hale columbus	Convince a phool ov hiz errors, and you make him yure enemy.
30	T	happee land ♞	
31	W		

HOROSKOPE FOR AUGUST.

The gentleman born this month will hav one eye to the main chance, and the other eye on the collatterals. He will be sharper than good cider vinegar, and will go at a transackshun like a skotch tarrier at a rat hole. He will be az honest az a hornet, and make az few blunders. He will liv tew be old. Hiz wife will die young—tired out trying tew keep up with him.

———o———

The feminine creashuns ov this month will be grate admirers ov the sterner sex. They will fall in luv easy, but will make az phew blunders az enny other wimmin. They will be guided bi the impulses ov their naturs, which in most wimmen iz a safer card than their judgements. If I hadnt got one ov the best wifes that the world haz yet produced, I should be inclined to ask (humbly) for one ov the *August-as.*

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONSARN.

(Advertizement.)

Adam Dipthong (chicken champion) invites a discerning world tew peruse hiz egg-dispensing poultry.

His "*Hail Columbys,*" crossed on his "*Star Spangled Banners,*" iz a hen who, for purity ov step, swavity of plumage, and modesty ov deportment, kant be beat.

His "*Last Roze ov Summer,*" hiz "*Merry wives ov Windsor,*" and hiz "*Love lies bleeding,*" az a style ov poultry, haz no competitors in the whole horizon. His "*Kiss me Quicks,*" chastised with a delikate sprinkling ov his "*Meet me bi moon lite alone,*" as pullets, hav alwus stood the test; and az roosters, are alwus reddy "tew fite it out on this line" (or enny other) "if it takes all summer."

Q.—Who waz the fust brewer? ♊ ☿

Come, farmers all, both grate and small,
The fields with yello grain are wavy;
Bring out yure boys, and laffing galls,
And make the bukweat cry Peccavy.

A.—Satan; he brewed mischief. ⊕ ♄ ♂

♅	☽	*Kalkulashuns.*	*EGG NOGG.*
1	T	♋ ☉ *Hot* ♀ ♊	A man whom yu kan hire tew work on a farm for nothing, and board himself, will just about earn hiz wages.
2	F	♋ Pete Whetstone	
3	S	born 956 ♌ ♊	
4	G	♌ *hotter* ☿	
5	M	♋ Pete waz a bare-	
6	T	bak rider ♊ ☽	
7	W	⊕ *thunder and*	
8	T	*litening* ♒ ♒	
9	F	♐ Pete rode the	
10	S	fust bear ♃ ♄	A learned phool iz one who haz read everything, and simply remembers what he haz read.
11	G	♅ *hot grows wuss*	
12	M	† † now stab	
13	T	suckers † ⸺ † ⸺ †	
14	W	☽ *hot with rain* ☽	
15	T	♌ kane kilt able ♂	
16	F	*now expekt mutch*	
17	S	*warmth* ♋ ≅ kane	
18	G	waz a stunner ☿	The highest rate ov interest that we pay iz for borrowed trouble. Things that are alwus a-going tew happen, never do happen.
19	M	·.· *heat prickly* ·.·	
20	T	♅ now eat kold	
21	W	vittles ♂ *heat biles*	
22	T	♀ O grave! whare	
23	F	iz thi viktory? ⁎	
24	S	*bigger hot* ♐ Gen.	
25	G	Jackson waz a	
26	M	dimokrat ♂ *hot* ☺	
27	T	and now beg for	I hav know people who had so little karakter that they didnt even hav enny phailings.
28	W	ise	
29	T	kream ♗ ♗	
30	F	♅ *more heaty* ♗	
31	S		

HOROSKOPE FOR SEPTEMBER.

The man born this month will be what iz called a wit. He will be az phull ov wit az a bottle ov ginger-pop. He kant hardly wait to hav the cork pulled out, and when the cork iz pulled out it will take a 2 quart bowl to hold a haff pint ov the phizz. He will make jokes which will be az natral az blunders, and will keep hiz whole family (inkluding the hired girl) betwixt a suprise and a guess. He will hav a house phull of children, who will be the best jokes he perpetrates.

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The lady born this month will be mistress ov the situashun. She will hav menny admirers, but will lead them a dusty chase. After a while she will marry, and bekum az serious az a white mice in a wire trap. Her husband will be az proud of her az a third lutenant ov hiz fust epaulettes. Her children will be brought up to toe the mark, and, tho different from all the other wimmin in the naborhood, she will be admired more than reproved.

ADVISE TEW HOSS JOCKEYS.

Never swop hosses with a deakon—not if yu belong tew the same church he duz.

If yu hav got a hoss that you ask 200 dollars for, and are offered 75 dollars for him, alwus sell him; dont spile a good hoss trade for 125 dollars.

If you should, bi acksident, git hold ov a sound hoss, git shut of him az soon az yu kan, for yu wont be happy with him.

If, in swopping hosses, yu git kornered, and kant lie, postpone the trade untill next day.

Noboddy ever expekts tew buy a hoss without gitting cheated; tharefore, if a hoss jockey dont lie, he loses one ov his blessed privileges.

Q.—Whi iz the meazles like fresh mackrel? ♋ ♒

Deakon John Jones waz a pius man,
But for one thing I kant lend prazé;
'Twas asking pardon bekauze he swore,
When his old ram knokt him end waze.

A.—They run in schools, and hav tew be kaught before they can be had. ♀ ⊕

☉	♃	*Kalkulashuns.*	*SLUNG-SHOT.*
1	G	♆ *Mild, but gentle*	I dont know how it iz with my brother-man, but with me the fall ov the Roman empire iz a grate deal eazier tew bear than a fall on the ice when it iz wet.
2	M	♀ Abram Tucker	
3	T	born 1694 ♋ ●	
4	W	♈ *soft winds* ♌	
5	T	♎ Abram Tucker	
6	F	fust eat pork and	
7	S	molassis ♀ ♊ *now*	
8	G	*look for rain* ‖‖‖	
9	M	birds with feathers	
10	T	flock togethers ′′′′	
11	W	♀ *it rains* ♗	
12	T	♈ now lay in fride	
13	F	oysters ♏	
14	S	✳ *very pleasant* ♓	
15	G	☽ John Brown died	
16	M	1861 ✳ ● *cloudy* ☽	
17	T	♑ John Brown	
18	W	died ov the thrut	
19	T	disseaze ♗	
20	F	♗ *mild* ♀	
21	S	now expekt early	
22	G	cider ☕ *showery* ♈	
23	M	♀ sighns ov an arly	
24	T	frost ☉ ♎	
25	W	☕ *wind east* ♎	
26	T	now prepare	
27	F	for	
28	S	country	
29	G	cuzzins ♂ ☉ ♈	
30	M		

I dont know how it iz with my brother-man, but with me the fall ov the Roman empire iz a grate deal eazier tew bear than a fall on the ice when it iz wet.

Face all things; even adversity iz polite to a man's face.

Poverty kant be wuss, and may be better; riches kan be better, and may be wuss. The difference iz in favour ov poverty.

Whenever i see a man anxious tew git into the middle ov a fite that dont belong tew him, i am alwus anxious to hav him, for i kno he iz sure tew be the wust whipt man in the party.

HOROSKOPE FOR OKTOBER.

The male man usherd into existence this month will be ov an enquiring mind. The fust thing he will enquire for will be sum good cider. He will studdy divinity at fust, but will quit that and bekum a konduktor on a hoss rale-rode; this pays better, and haz more perquisites. He will marry the woman ov his choice, which iz good, provided the choice iz all right. His hair will turn grey before he dies, but after he dyes he will hav black hair the rest of hiz days.

The woman born this month will be short ov stattue, and acquainted with grief. She will want a grate menny things, in this world, that aint handy tew be got. She will marry just about the right time, and undertake tew liv with her mother in law, which iz a diffikult kontrakt tew fill. The wimmin born this month are like a rhode island greening, ripen slow, and are most delightful away long into the winter.

☞ TO LET. ☜

Enny person having an easy pill to take, that will restore a shatterd reputashun, without change ov diet tew the pashunt, kan hav this advertising space hily reazonable.

Enquire of

Q.—Whare did Adam strike when he fell? ♋ ☉

Bukwheat kakes this month lay in,
Eat freely of pork and sassage;
Theze things kind Heaven givs to us,
Who in this world works our passage.

A.—On hiz kneeze, I hope. ♀ ♏ ♌

♅	♄	*Kalkulashuns.*	*FOOT PRINTS.*
1	T	● *Kloudy, but cool*	If i had a boy whoze hair wouldnt part in the middle, i would bedew that hair with a parent's tear, and then giv up the boy.
2	W	♂ Joel Briggs born	
3	T	1837 ♃	
4	F	● *warmer* ☿	
5	S	⊕ Joel Briggs waz	
6	G	a tin pedlar ♈ ♗	
7	M	‖ *sighns ov rain* ‖	
8	T	beware ov grass	
9	W	widders ♗ *snow*	
10	T	*on the mountains*	
11	F	♅ now count yure	
12	S	rats ☉ *sharp frost*	
13	G	*last nite* ♄ ♀	
14	M	♈ whiskee iz a non	Hurry and dispatch are often confounded, but they are az unlike az the habits ov the pissmire and the ant.
15	T	konduktor ♌	
16	W	♏ *snow falls* △	
17	T	☿ biled sassage	
18	F	iz good for the	
19	S	tooth ake ♂ ♀	
20	G	△ *wind bracing* ≅	Thare aint but phew men weak enuff tew admit their jealousys; even a disgraced rooster in a barnyard will git a leetle further off and begin tew crow up a new reputashun.
21	M	♎ now enquire	
22	T	for cider ♋	
23	W	♃ *colder* ♗	
24	T	♂ ♂ Enok waz	
25	F	translated ⊕ ♃	
26	S	♌ *frosty* ☿	Cunning, at best, only duz the dirty work ov wisdum; tharefore I dispize it.
27	G	✳ so	
28	M	waz	
29	T	Homer	
30	W	translated ♗ ♄	
31	T		

HOROSKOPE FOR NOVEMBER.

The gentleman born this month will be a hard worker, but phond ov old wine. He will forgit tew pay sum ov hiz debts, but will hav a blue eye, and be a good singer. He will marry between 18 and 45, and be an excellent judge ov hash on toast. He will liv a grate length, and reach deth by a cirkuitous route.

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She who cums tew see us this month will be az welkum az a dandylion in the buzzum of winter. She will be a dutiful dauter, a warm-harted sister, a tender mother, and a handsum wife—(Kind Heaven! send us az menny ov this sort az convenient.)

ADVICE TEW YUNG DOKTORS.

Hire an offiss on the main street of the village, and stay in the offiss.

When yu do go out, alwus go on the jump.

Dont never talk mutch on enny subjek, but alwus look kussid misterious.

Seldum go tew church, but when yu do, alwus leave before the church duz.

Charge everyboddy like thunder and litening.

If yu pholler theze rules clussly, and don't suckceed, yu kan kum tew the konklushun that the doktrine bizzness ain't so good as it waz last year.

Q.—Who waz the best-preserved woman that ever lived? ☉ ♃

Jane Lovell waz a farmer's wife,
A wife waz she wuth having, too;
For when Jane Lovell rooled up her sleeves,
Things round that hous begin tew flew.

A.—Lot's wife. ☊ ☉ ♂

⊕	♗	*Kalkulashuns.*	*TIT BITS.*
1	F	♂ *Sour, but kold* ♀	A dandy in love iz in just about az bad a fix az a stik ov mollassis kandy that haz begun tew melt.
2	S	♈ remember Lot's	
3	G	wife ♋ ♗ *raw,*	
4	M	*but sour* ♄	
5	T	△ Lot's wife waz	
6	W	the psalt ov the	
7	T	earth ♋	
8	F	♍ *more sour* ♋	The meanest kind ov a loafer iz he who iz willing tew be abuzed by every one for the privilege ov abusing others.
9	S	♋ all good wifes are	
10	G	♏ *more raw* ♓	
11	M	☊ Adam Sturgis	
12	T	born 1853 ♀ *windy*	
13	W	□ Adam Sturgis	
14	T	waz a twin ♓ ♎	
15	F	♊ *rain, mixt with*	Curiosity had twins; one waz *Invenshun*, the other waz *Stick-Yure-Noze-Into-Things.*
16	S	*snow* ♈ ♋ now	
17	G	psalt sheeps ♒	
18	M	♃ *wind bights* △	
19	T	multiplika- 0000000 00	
20	W	shun table ———	
21	T	0000000	
22	F	diskovered 0000000	Deth iz an arrow shot into a krowd; the only rezon whi it hit another iz bekauze it missed us.
23	S	1215 ♋ ● 000000000	
24	G	*more kold* ☽	
25	M	the multiplikashun	
26	T	table iz hard tew	
27	W	beat ♃ ♒	
28	T	♁ *sour rain* ♒	Arly genius iz like arly cabbage: it dont apt tew hed well.
29	F	♐ Bill Adams waz	
30	S	a free mason ♈	

HOROSKOPE FOR DECEMBER.

The man born this month will hav a sanguine tempra-ment. He thinks he iz in luv with every woman he meets, and wont git married till late in life. When he duz git wedded, he is a-going tew wed a woman who haz been playing the same game he haz—falling in love with every man she meets. They are both ov them going tew git cheated the wust way.

The girl born this month, tho late in the season, is a-going tew ketch up before she gits through. She wont remane single, and iz a-going tew be a leetle diffikult tew manage double. She will see Naples, but iz too smart to die right off on that account. She will admire menny men, but will love but one, and that iz her husband. If her husband iz smart enuff to know this, they will travel through life like 2 pigeons.

SIMPLE REMIDIZ.

Tew kure the bight ov a krab, soke the krab's feet in bileing hot water.

Tew find the kontents ov a gallon ov whiskee, multi-ply a pint ov fusil ile bi 8 pints ov Venice turpentine.

Tew kure the gout, liv on Boston krackers, and saw wood for 25 cents a kord.

Tew make a goose good eating, bring her up tenderly.

Tew keep kats from being et up bi rats, muzzle the rats.

Q.—How did robins git their name? ♈ ♀ ♂ ♂

The farmer leads an eazy life,
12 hours a day ends hiz labors ;
Evenings pares apples for cider sass,
Or hauls over the coals hiz nabors.

A.—By robin cherry-trees. ♀ ♂ ♋ ♌ ♂ ♂ ♀

☿	♏	*Kalkulashuns.*	*GIN* AND *MILK.*
1	G	☉ △ *Kold and*	How fast will the "*comeing*
2	M	*snowsome* ♃	*man*" probably travel? I kant
3	T	≅ Yankee doodle	tell to a dot; but if he kant beat
4	W	born 1659 ●	2.25, he better stay whare he iz.
5	T	● *mutch kold* ♈	
6	F	✳ Yankee doodle	
7	S	still livs ⚹	
8	G	*snow* 60 *foot deep*	A man with a phew branes iz
9	M	♀ Yankee doodle	like a dog with one flea on him—
10	T	iz	dredful oneazy.
11	W	a lively cuss ♏	
12	T	♋ *grate kold* □	
13	F	♅ now hammer	
14	S	out oats ✪	
15	G	(◯) *kolder* [▭]	Be humble, and yu are sure
16	M	expekt sla rides ♀	tew be thankful; be thankful, and
17	T	♈ *sharp, but kold*	yu are sure tew be happy.
18	W	⊕ thou shalt	
19	T	not	
20	F	covet thi nabor's	The more yung ones in a fam-
21	S	jackass ♂	ily, the eazier they are tew raize.
22	G	♏ *snow inkreases*	One chicken alwus makes more
23	M	⊕ now murder	klucking for a hen than a dozen
24	T	hogs ♋	duz.
25	W	☰ *wind shifty* ☰	
26	T	♈ now tear up	
27	F	wood ♃	
28	S	< *big kold* >	Blessed iz he who kan pocket
29	G	☊ the grass hopper	abuse, and feel that it iz no dis-
30	M	haz fled ☊ ♄ ☊	grace tew be bit bi a dog.
31	T		

AGRIKULTIBUSS.

1st. Skarsity beets are the hardest kind ov beats to beet; their grate skarsity makes them beet all other kind ov beats.

2d. Turnups should be planted near the top ov the ground, if yu want them tew turn up good.

3d. Egg plants iz good, but eggs sot under a stiddy hen will produce more chickens than they will tew plant them.

4th. Potatoze are gennerally a helthy krop, but they are liable tew hav weak eyes.

5th. Cowcumbers do the best in a lot bi themselfs; it aint best tew cumber up a kitchen gardin with cows.

6th. Oats will gro on sum warm land, but tew yield well they hav got tew be thrasht; it iz jiss so with beans, only beans has got to be poled fust, and thrasht afterwards.

7th. Rye duz the best on a dry and thirsty sile, espeshily old rye; too mutch water will drown out old rye.

8th. Tud stools will do well on a wet earth; so will tuds; but woodchucks must hav a gravelly sile.

There are but few sights in this life, more sublime, and pathetick than to see a poor, but virtuous young man, struggling — with a mustash. =
It iz thus, Josh Billings.

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I hav seen men so fond
of argument, that they
would dispute with a guide
board, at the forks of a
turnpike road, about the distance
to the next town.— Josh Billings
what fools.

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THE

BILLINGS

ZODIAK FAMILY.

The above zodiak sighns are kalkulated expressly for the meridian ov Pordunk, Pa., but will answer for Nu Orleans, Nova Skoshia, or Greenland's icy mountains. Zodiak sighns, ov the latest patterns, will be furnished heads ov familys, or hot beds ov learning, at a slite advance upon kost, by speaking to Josh Billings about it.

SUM WEATHER.

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SINOPSUSS OV PROGNOSTIKATED EVENTS.

The byrometer will rize very sudden this morning at Pordunk, 3 foot, and fall the like amount at Sakramento City. The diffikulty in the weather for the last 2 days, which haz predominated at Boston and around New Orleans, waz owing tew the byrometer at Pordunk being took down and sent tew the blacksmith's shop for repairs.

Clear weather haz existed at Goose kreek, and northwest ov Montreal, with a growing tendency tew wind gustiness.

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PROBABILITIZ.

Ambrozial weather will permeate all around Pordunk for the next 16 months, with rain and snow; and all sorts ov stuff in the ballance ov the United States of America.

The probabilitiz iz that the abuv probabilitiz will assimilate themselfs tew the principal probabilitiz in the case.

If they don't, du notiss will be giv.

In the mean time be kalm, be dignified, and don't be skeered.

PRIVATE OPINYUNS OV JOSH BILLINGS' FARMER'S ALLMINAX.

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"A pearl ov grate price."

Deakon Mozes Mills.

——o——

"I reckomend this allminax to all persons out ov a job."

Israel Pugh.

——o——

"Az konsise az a kambrik needle."

E. R. Dunkan.

——o——

"This allminax iz az phull ov sharp things az a hedgehog's back."

Ezra Fisk.

——o——

"Az natral in the family, and quite az catching, az the meazles."

Dokt. J. Munson.

——o——

"Oh lud! i never did peruze enny thing haff so mutch like it."

Widdo Jane Perkins.

——o——

"Tis too sweet for enny thing."

Miss Matilda Ann Brown.

——o——

"It iz a lofty produkshun, full ov immense wisdum, graphick delineation, and koruskating generalitys."

John Mead, A.M.

JANUARY MISSCELLANY.

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ARIES, THE ZODIAK RAM.

Aries is a latin ram. He is kompozed ov wool all over, and horns in front. How Aries, the ram, got into the zodiak bothers me to this day, but he probably jumpt in out ov sumboddys back lot. This is all owing tew bad fences. Aries waz born soon after the diskovery ov this world by Kaptain Kook, the perambulator. Since the days ov Aries the hydraulik ram haz been born, a very hard ram tew fleece. Aries haz the post ov honor amung the sighns in the zodiak, and presides over the head ov the human anatomy. This iz a just kompliment tew hiz kapacity for putting a hed onto things. Aries, the ram, tho he haz no literary pretenshuns, haz made menny brilliant hits in hiz day.

TO MAKE GOOD MILK PUNTCH.

Take one quart ov red cow's milk.

Strain all the water out ov the milk.

Puntch the milk severely with santy cruize rum.

Ramify it well with white sugar.

Koruskate sum nutmeg on the brow ov it.

Drink tew the Amerikan Eagle standing.

(This recipee haz been in the Billings family going on 300 years, and iz desighned for one person, and always hits the mark.)

31 Days. JANUARY. 1873.

Q.—What would be a good motto for a taylor? ♃ ♒

Joel Briggs waz born down east,
Hiz hight waz 6 feet 2,
Hiz panterloons waz striped,
And hitched beneath hiz shu.

A.—Let her rip. ♃ △ ♄

☉	☽	*Diagnosis.*	*KODFISH BAWLS.*
1	W	☿ *Bitter kold* ♒	The intimacys ov old age seem tew konsist in drinking yung hison tea together, and compareing gouts and rumatizms.
2	T	♃ now ♓	
3	F	the dog	
4	S	quaketh ♋ ☍	
5	G	*sighns ov thaw* ♒	
6	M	♍ now the	
7	T	kat	
8	W	shivereth ♨ ♋	
9	T	♑ ♟ *expekt kold* ●	
10	F	⁝⁝ now the snow	One ov the most reliable prophets i kno ov, iz an old hen, for they don't prophecy enny egg, untill after the egg haz happened.
11	S	snoweth ∴ ♈ ♊	
12	G	♒ *kolder but*	
13	M	*raw* □	
14	T	now	
15	W	the	
16	T	crow	
17	F	croweth	I kno ov folks who are so kondem kontrary, that if they should fall into a river, they would want tew float up stream.
18	S	♄ *wind north* △	
19	G	☺ now the	
20	M	tarrier	
21	T	tareth ♓	
22	W	::: *more snow* :::	
23	T	♂ ♌ now the	
24	F	flea fleaeth ♍ ♑	Politeness iz not only the cheapest, but the most powerful argument I kno ov.
25	S	< *kolder still* >	
26	G	● now the	
27	M	spark sparketh ◎	
28	T	*expekt a thaw* ◎ ♂	
29	W	✝ Jake Disbrow ✝	Money well spent iz well invested.
30	T	‡ died 1824. ‡	
31	F		

FEBUARY MISSCELLANY.

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TAURUS, THE ZODIAK BULL.

One ov the best behaved animiles in the whole zodiak is Taurus the zodiak bull. He is alwus laying down flat sunning himself. He dont hav ennything tew employ hiz mind with only in fli time. Fli time iz alwus a bizzy time with Taurus. The bull down here nowdaze iz a sour headed old codger who goes swareing up and down the turnpike about sumthing, but in the daze ov Virgil he had golden horns, and poetry in hiz veins. Menny folks hav asked me what on earth they wanted a bull in the zodiak for, and i hav always sed, it waz just az necessary az tew hav bulls in Wall street. This always seemed tew satisfy their questions prodigiously. Taurus governs the nek in the sighns ov the zodiak, which haz giv rise to that tender, and klassikal sentiment, called "*bull necked.*"

PERSONALS.

Dear One.—Enklosed please find 10 Dollars—if you kan. RICHARD.

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Kum home! kum home! mi dear husband, i freely forgiv yu for all i hav did. BETSEY.

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Waz the lady in blue, who trod on the gentleman's toe in gray, in the 8th avenew kars last frida nite corned, or waz it the toe that waz corned?—References exchanged. PEDRO.

Q.—Who fust struk ile?

Joel Briggs a pedlar waz,
A pedlar ov renoun,
He delt in tin ware and sitch,
And druv from toun tew toun.

A.—Joner.

☆	☉	*Diagnosis.*	*KREAM PUFFS.*
1	S	♍ ☉ Goose yokes	If i had 4 fust rate dogs i would name the best ov them "Doubtfull," and all the other 3 "Useless."
2	G	fust discovered	
3	M	1651	
4	T	*Kold and*	
5	W	*shivery* ♒	
6	T	♊ ♀ Jane Brown	
7	F	born 1826 ♐ ☉	
8	S	⊕ *Snow falls*	Take all the phools and good luk out ov this world, and it would bother the rest ov us tew git a living.
9	G	Miss Jane Brown	
10	M	waz a	
11	T	woman's righter ⚳	
12	W	*much koldness*	Thare iz az mutch difference between wit and humor az thare iz between the ile and the essence ov peppermint.
13	T	now pan out	
14	F	slapjax ⊙	
15	S	*big sno storm*	
16	G	Pete Murdok	
17	M	died 952	
18	T	*very raw* △ ⚓	Whiskey friends are the most unprofitable ones i kno ov, they are alwus reddy tew drink with yu, but when yu git reddy tew drink with them, they aint dry.
19	W	(†) Pete Murdok	
20	T	died ov a	
21	F	broken harte [(††)]	
22	S	*sour rain*	
23	G	Pete Murdok broke	
24	M	hiz harte trieing	
25	T	teu lift a	
26	W	meeting house ♋ ✳	Ridikule that aint true haz no partikular power.
27	T	♈ *more kold* ♎	
28	F		

MARCH MISSCELLANY.

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CANCER, THE ZODIAK KRAB.

Cancer iz a hard sheld krab, and haz 2 sets ov leggs, which are lokated on the starbord side ov their pussons. Cancer travels on hiz muscle, and thare aint no individual sighn in the zodiak ov hiz size kan whip him. I hav studdyed the krab clussly, and et him sloly, and I dont kno him yet. Crabs bight with their feet, and hang on like the rumatiz. Biled krab is good but a man must eat them bi the day, he would starve to deth eating them bi the job. Krabs are kaught bi tieing a knot onto the end ov a string, and dropping it down into the water whare the krab iz, and when yu haul in the string, perhaps yu hav krab, and perhaps yu hav knot. This iz the way a grate menny things in this world are not kaught. In the zodiak Cancer rules the brest. I should rather hav a blister plaster in mi buzzum than a krab or a cancer.

WANTED BI A MIDDLE AGED MAN.

Enny one having a helthy goose, ov good moral karakter, will hear ov a purchaser by addressing *Solaman Wainscote, Pordunk P. O.*

The goose must be broke tew eat grass.

One that knoze how to lay 2 eggs a day prefered.

If the goose should be a leetle tuff, no matter.

What we want iz a smart goose, no kussid phool goose wanted.

Q.—Who iz the greatest hero ov modern times? [♋]

Once hiz hoss had been a nag,
A trotting nag at that,
But now he waz a pelter,
And enny thing but phatt.

A.—Josh Ward, heroed a mile in 4 minitts. ♃ ♄

☿	♎	*Diagnosis.*	*HO KAKE.*
1	S	Tooth piks fust used 1190 ♏ ♈ ♏	A phools money iz like hiz branes—very oneazy.
2	G		
3	M		
4	T	✳ ♒ *sum wind* ♌ James Gordon Bennet born 1802 ♉	
5	W		
6	T		
7	F		
8	S	‖ *rain with snow* (♋) Bennet is a Herald ♌)(♄	
9	G		
10	M		
11	T		
12	W	*kold but windy* ♎ ♎ now feel around for maple sugar ♈ ♉	
13	T		
14	F		
15	S		
16	G		
17	M	♓ *wind aktive* ♑ ♍ ♃ now lay in early rumatiz ♋ ☺	
18	T		
19	W		
20	T		
21	F	≅ ♊ *raw but kold* ♀ Job was very billyus ♏ ♋ ♄	
22	S		
23	G		
24	M	♏ *big rain* ♓ ♎ Sampson waz a strong man ♋ ☯ ♎	
25	T		
26	W		
27	T	*wind shifts some* ♉ ♃ Sampson's strength didn't lay in hiz karakter □ ☉	
28	F		
29	S		
30	G		
31	M		

Thare iz this difference between a *jest*, and a *joke*—a jest may be kruel, but a joke never iz.

Sins are the only things that i repent ov, i never kould make enny thing repenting ov blunders.

Human knowledge iz not very komprehensiv after all,—i hav seen men who kould kalkulate an eklipse tew a square inch, who couldn't cum within 30 foot ov harnessing a hoss.

Flattery iz like ice kream, we want it a leetle at a time, and often.

APRIL MISSCELLANY.

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VIRGO, THE ZODIAK VIRGIN.

One ov the best preserved females ov the age iz Virgo the Virgin. She dont look an hour older than she did in the spring ov 1818 when i fust saw her. Virgo haz lite blu eyes and yeller hair, and i should esteem her to weigh about 117 pounds. Virgo haz menny admirers, and report sez, she haz had menny good trades offered her (one waz a duke) but she deklines matrimony. I congratulate her spunk. If she haz got a good lone hand i like to see her play it, even if she gits ukered. I hope Virgo will remain whare she iz for life, for she iz the only sighn in the zodiak that i love tew witness. Thare iz one thing about Virgo that pleazes me wonderful, and that iz, when the grecian bend waz raging on earth, and crooking most all the other wimmin, she never bent a bit. Hallelujah! for Virgo.

TO KONTRAKTORS.

The widdo Betsey Brown will receive proposals sealed at her residence No. 86 Hopvine St. for the next 90 daze.

Kontraktors must state their best offers.

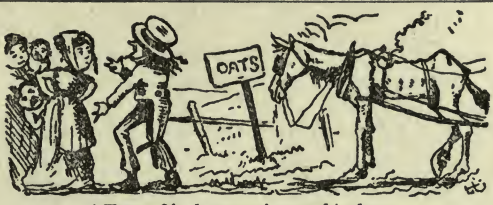
Diagrams of the widdows looks kan be had at the above No.

The widdo reserves the privilege ov refusing all offers.

The highest Bidder gits the worm.

Agents needn't applikate.

Q.—Whi iz the kodfish like a sailor? ♂ ♆



'Twas Joels way t' stop hiz kart,
At every hous and shop,
Fust tew tell a bit ov nuze,
And then propoze tew swop.

A.—Bekauze he iz an old salt. ☿ ♂ ☯ ♒

♓	♅	*Diagnosis.*	*SLAP JAX.*
1	T	☊ ♅ Grecian bend	When a man measures out glory for himself he alwus heaps the haff bushel.
2	W	revived 1864 ☯	
3	T	*sighns ov spring* ♃	
4	F	═ ═ ═ ═ the	
5	S	cockroach cometh	
6	G	up like a flower ♋	
7	M	☺ *liquid rains*	A man may mistake hiz tallent, but he kant mistake hiz genius.
8	T	frogs now	
9	W	warble ♓ ☯ ♋	
10	T	☿ *sweet winds* ♈	
11	F	now the goose	
12	S	skreameth ♍	
13	G	♑ *wind sow east*	It is only a step from cunning tew dishonesty, but it iz a step that a man iz liable at enny time tew take.
14	M	*bi sow* ☉	
15	T	♂ now bury	
16	W	onion seed ♒	
17	T	*smart showers*	
18	F	*ov wet* ♄	
19	S	Mars waz	Thare seems tew be a propriety in all things—late experiments in New York city hav proved the fact, that religion in a rat pit iz a failure.
20	G	Juno's fellow ♀ ♐	
21	M	♨ *very warm* △	
22	T	☯ all natur	
23	W	stands on tip toze	
24	T	*more showers with*	
25	F	*sighns ov rain* ☾	
26	S	now lift lettiss ♇	Style iz every thing for a sinner, and a leetle ov it wont hurt a saint.
27	G	✱ □ the pilgrim	
28	M	fathers ♀	
29	T	where am they? ☺	
30	W		

MAY MISSCELLANY.

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SKORPIO, THE ZODIAK SKORPION.

Next to the hornet, the skorpion seems tew me to be pretty mutch all ded loss. I never had mutch faith in enny kind ov a kritter who waz bilt only tew bite. Skorpions do the best in a hot naberhood. If a man should take all the skorpions in the world up into the northern part ov Nu Hampshire he would loze money on them. They wouldn't thaw out thare in time for bizzness. I never hav seen a skorpion only in the zodiak, and i aint sorry for this. If thare should ever be a fite in the zodiak i hope it will be krab and skorpion. This would be a fite in which no one would care whitch whipt. I kant tell yu just now how the skorpion got aboard ov the zodiak, but bi looking at hiz piktur i should say he stood 2 good chances tew do it, one waz tew enter hed fust, and the other waz to change ends and go in that way.

FOUND.

A malteese soprano kat, about 12 months old, singing old hundred on a picket fence, late last thursda nite, whichever person owns sed kat will find him (or her, according tew circumstansis) in a vakant lot, just bak ov our hous, still butiful in death.

ALSO,

Found an old blew kotting umbrel worth nothing, in place ov a nu silk one worth 12 dollars and fifty cents, if the person who lost the blew kotting umbrel bi finding the other one, hasn't had time enuff yet tew repent ov hiz blunder, 60 days longer will be granted him tew weep over the ackcident.

Q.—What iz a blunderbuss? ♀ ♓ ♃

Joel would swop for enny thing,
Tin ware for rags, or brass,
Jews harps for kats, brooms for beans,
Wood bowls for apple sass.

A.—Kissing the wrong woman. ☉ ♓

♌	♍	*Diagnosis.*	*KOLD SLAU.*
1	T	♄ Lap dogs	I don't kno az i want to bet enny money, and give odds, on the man who iz alwus anxious tew pra out loud every chance he kan git.
2	F	diskoverd 1310 ☿ ♗	
3	S	☉ ☉ ☉ *mild and*	
4	G	*tender* ♙ ♎	
5	M	♗ Kaptin Kidd	
6	T	was a	
7	W	pirate † † † ☊	
8	T	*plaintive showers*	
9	F	♒ ♋ Kaptin Kidd	A reputashun for happiness wants az mutch looking into az a reputashun for honesty.
10	S	sailed he did [(‡‡)]	
11	G	♨ *soft wind* ♆	
12	M	♍ ♅ △ now mux	
13	T	in the	
14	W	garden ♈ ♉ ♊	
15	T	☉ Horace Greeley	When a man duz a good turn just for the phun ov the thing, he haz got a grate deal more virtew in him than he iz aware ov.
16	F	born 1812 ♎	
17	S	*wet rains* ♒ ♒	
18	G	✳ ♋ now prepare	
19	M	for dandylions ♏	
20	T	♀ *wind south* ☿	
21	W	Horace Greeley	Next tew the man who iz worth a millyun, in point ov wealth, iz the man who don't kare a kuss for it.
22	T	iz a Tribune ☉ ☉	
23	F	♏ *nobby showers*	
24	S	♂ now sarch	
25	G	hens for eggs ☉ ♂	
26	M	☉ *warm and pretty*	
27	T	♋ ♀ ♋ frogs have	Self-made men are most alwus apt tew be a leetle too proud ov the job.
28	W	come *soft winds*	
29	T	♉ Homer waz	
30	F	quite a poet ♅ ♊ ☿	
31	S		

JUNE MISSCELLANY.

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KAPRIKORNUS, THE ZODIAK GOTE.

Kaprikornus the zodiak gote iz a sheep with hair on him, and kan eat enny thing he kan swallow if it chokes him. They infest all over kreashun, but are thikker in the upper part of Nu York citty ackording tew populashun than otherwise. Their principal bizzness is tew fite, and giv milk, they average about a quart ov milk, and four knokdowns a day. They kant klimb a greast pole, but kan kreep up the side of a rok az natral az a wood-bine kan. They hav a krak in their foot, and also one in their voice, and a mustash on their bottom lip. Aries and Kaprikornus are the two buts ov the zodiak. In the zodiak Kaprikornus governs the kneeze, and people born under this sighn are apt tew be knok kneed.

LOST.

A bright bay poodle dorg, 5 dollars reward, ov a warm natur, and no questions asked, with one white foot behind, will be paid for hiz return, when he stole away, with flowing ears, or waz strayed by sumboddy, answers tew Kristopher Kolumbust, with a brass colar, exchange papers pleaze copy, and haz a frantik tale.

Q.—How menny skruples in one dram. ♆

His kart waz a karavan,
Piled hi with every kind
Ov dikker yu kould name,
Besides sumthin hitched behind.

A.—This depends upon who takes the dram. ♃

♒	♗	*Diagnosis.*	*KNUT KAKES.*
1	G	≅ Now snatch	Silence iz one ov the lost arts.
2	M	♁ cowcumbers	
3	T	*sighns ov hotness* ♂	
4	W	☺ Mark Twain	
5	T	born 1839 ♅ ☐	
6	F	☍ *hotter* ♀	When yu strike ile stop boreing; menny a man haz bored klean thru and let the ile run out at the bottom.
7	S	Mark iz a mello	
8	G	✳ kuss ♞	
9	M	♏ *showers ov rain*	
10	T	☊ money iz tite ♃	
11	W	♀ *more warmer*	
12	T	Venus waz a	
13	F	hansum woman ⊕	
14	S	◍ *mutch wet* ☉	Human happiness iz like Josephs coat, a thing of menny colours.
15	G	♍ now dig	
16	M	for strawberrys	
17	T	*gentle wetness* ♒	
18	W	♋ Job Potter died	
19	T	1856	
20	F	*sighns ov thunder*	
21	S	♃ Job Potter died	Sin in the soul iz like a slivver in the flesh; mortifikashun iz the natral way tew git rid ov it.
22	G	ov death ♌ ◍	
23	M	*more hotly* ☐	
24	T	♑ now reap	
25	W	assparagrass ♊	
26	T	♂ *moist*	
27	F	*wetness* ♀	
28	S	expekt	Love often changes coquetry to sense, and prudery to sillyness.
29	G	muskeetoze. ☿ ♀	
30	M		

JULY MISSCELLANY.

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PISCES, THE ZODIAK FISHES.

Pisces are the only two fishes we hav enny account ov who hav bin able tew swim on land and not tutch bottom. It iz now over 4000 years since they cum ashore and took lodgings in the zodiak. It haz alwus been a fish-bone ov kontenshun amung the natral philosophers whether they belong tew the kodfish, or the sucker family. I hav bin asked mi opinyun on this topick a 100 thousand times, but hav alwus maintained grate solemnity on the subjekt. It is alwus mi way when i dont kno nothing about enny thing, to look learned, and smile wisdum. Mi private opinyun iz, that pisces iz a pikerel, or a porgy, or a perch, and weighed originally about 9 pounds, but i dont want to bet on this. I kant tell whether Pisces would bite on an angleworm or not, but i think thare iz sum law aginst fishing in private ponds. Pisces iz a game fish, but what hiz game iz i dont kno, but probably hi lo Jak, or draw poker.

EPITAFF.

Here she lize—the queen ov pize,
Aunt Sally Ann Von Blixen,
Apple, and mince, kustard, and quince,
She couldn't be beat in mixen.

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Sakred this spot—stir her up not—
Her grace all lay in pi fixen,
Better sa i—go without pi,
Than wake up this old vixen.

Q.—What breed ov hens set the best? ♀ ♍

For 50 miles round about,
When Joel cum along,
The wimmin all tur ned out,
For swopping mity strong.

A.—Thoze without leggs. ♎ ☉ ♏

♎	♌	*Diagnosis.*	*KORN BREAD.*
1	T	☉ ● Kod fish	When a man gits tew talking about himself he seldum fails tew be eloquent, and frequently reaches the sublime.
2	W	balls invented	
3	T	1620 ♀ ♋ ♀	
4	F	♓ ♃ ● *sighns ov*	
5	S	*heat* ♋ ♒ ♑	
6	G	Elizibeth Spooner	
7	M	born	
8	T	1365 ♅ ♗ ♏	
9	W	♏ ♀ *warm showers*	
10	T	Elizibeth Spooner	The owl iz remarkable for two things, gravity and stupidity.
11	F	had the	
12	S	meazles ♀ ♂	
13	G	✳ *warm but hot* ●	
14	M	Elizibeth Spooner	
15	T	had the	
16	W	meazles	Integrity in youth iz almost certain tew bekum wisdum and honor in old age.
17	T	very thick ♌	
18	F	♂ ♒ ♃ *sighns ov*	
19	S	*thunder* △ □	
20	G	♏ ♌ ♃ now	
21	M	wean goslins ♎ ♋	
22	T	♅ ♓ *it rains* ♑	When a man iz thoroly lazy he iz good for nothing, only to shoot at.
23	W	Old dog Tray	
24	T	died 1492 ♀ ♈	
25	F	♏ *expekt litening*	
26	S	now butcher	
27	G	watermellons ● ♈	
28	M	● *intense hot* ♋	Most people prefer the stuffing to the goose,—the word for the idee.
29	T	♈ Daniel Webster	
30	W	studdid law ♎ ♌	
31	T		

AUGUST MISSCELLANY.

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AQUARIUS, THE ZODIAK WATERMAN.

Aquarius duz the sprinkling pot bizzness for the zodiak. He kan be seen enny klear day up in the zodiak laying the dust which the other zodiakers kik up. He iz a quiet old gent about 5 foot 6, and wears a wool hat, and a bull's eye watch. Who hiz ansestors waz no one kan tell. He iz an old bachelor now, but they tell me, up in the zodiak, that he alwus takes the most pains when he sprinkles in front ov Virgo. Thare iz a tradishun in Pordunk, that Aquarius was once a tempranse lekturer, but gitting too thin for the bizzness waz translated, and sot to sprinkling in the zodiak. Aquarius haz charge ov the leggs amung the sighns in the zodiak, and i notis that water iz better for the legs than sum other fluids i know.

EDUKASHIONAL.

CLASS IN BOTANY STAND UP.

Teacher. What kind ov a bird iz a Heron?

Skoller. A herring iz a small fish, az full ov bones az a fine tooth comb.

Teacher. To what genus duz the Kat belong?

Skoller. The musikal genius, they *lay* around daze, and chant around nites.

Teacher. Which iz the wizest fowl?

Skoller. The owl sir, bekause he hoots at most things.

Teacher. What kind ov fish are plentyest in market during dog days?

Skoller. Smelts sir.

Teacher. Class in botany may set down.

Q.—How menny geese duz it take to make a flok? ♋ ☉

Sheep skins, goose yokes, and frying pans,
Basswood cheeze from Goshen,
Bob sleds, brass rings, and bears ile,
Waz sum ov Joels noshuns.

A.—One would satisfy me. ⊕ ♃ ♂

♅	♋	*Diagnosis.*	*MILK TOAST.*
1	F	☉ Now pluck	Suckcess iz quite often like
2	S	peaches ♅	falling oph from a log, a man kant
3	G	♋ *grate hotness* ≅	alwus tell how he kum to did it.
4	M	Andy Johnson born	
5	T	1812 ♂	
6	W	✳ *hot grows* ♀	
7	T	Andy waz a man	
8	F	ov much	
9	S	policy ⊕ ♀	Most enny boddy thinks they
10	G	*thunder and blixen*	kan be a good phool, and they
11	M	♃ now bull frogs	kan, but to play the phool suc-
12	T	rejoice ♋ *wind*	cessfully, aint so natral.
13	W	*south* ☊ ☉	
14	T	☉ ♊ *hot grows*	
15	F	*bigger* ♗	
16	S	Julia Pragg born	
17	G	☊ 1830 ⊕	
18	M	☿ *wind shifty*	I wouldn't undertake tew kor-
19	T	Julia waz a laun-	rekt a man's sektarian views enny
20	W	dress ♒ ♂ *hot*	quicker than i would tell him
21	T	*wind*	which road tew take at a 4 cor-
22	F	☊ now the duk	ners, when i didn't kno miself
23	S	quaketh ≅ ♄	which waz the right one.
24	G	● *much hotly* ♋	
25	M	♂ behold the	
26	T	♂ grasshopper ♐	
27	W	♀ *sum lightning*	
28	T	♗ love	
29	F	lies	The truly great are alwus the
30	S	bleeding ♉ ♅	eazyest tew approach.
31	G		

SEPTEMBER MISSCELLANY.

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SAGITTARIUS, THE ZODIAK BOMAN.

Sagittarius iz the William Tell ov the zodiak. He kan hit an apple on the top ov Virgo's hed 200 paces oph, and not only halve the apple into quarters, but knok the seeds 27 different direkshuns. He wins the cigars at all the target excursions in the zodiak. In shooting at a muskeeter once who had lighted onto the tail ov Leo, he aimed a leetle too delikate, and dekapitated the dorsal extenshun ov Leo. This waz looked upon bi all the other phellows in the zodiak az a supplementary shot. Leo waz laid up in the horsepittol for 6 months, but hiz codicil gru out about 2 foot more than it waz before. Sagittarius iz the comik genius ov the zodiak, and on fourth of Julys shutes pennys oph from a stik, injun fashion. In the zodiak sighns Sagittarius oversees the thighs, but for what I dont seem tew kno.

FOR IMMEJIATE ADOPSHUN.

A mail child, Eleven months old, well broke tew the bottle, 9 teeth kut, lite sunset hair, without spot or blemish, no parents ov enny ackount, hard tew kry, dont bite, shows sighns ov genius, and haz had wackshination.

Enquire within.

Q.—When duz a fly git badly stuck? ♋ ♒

When puter knives went oph slo,
Joel waz a kunning kuss,
He could just turn to and swop
An old hoss dredful cluss.

A.—When he fools with mollassis. ♓ ☉

☉	♃	*Diagnosis.*	*STEWED PRUNES.*
1	M	✳ It iz fall	After a man haz got a fust rate opinyun ov himself the next best thing tew hav iz the good opinyun ov others.
2	T	♊ ♈ *warm but tender*	
3	W	♀ now the leaves	
4	T	fall	
5	F	♋ *butiful weather*	
6	S	♁ Sam Jones	
7	G	born 1900 ♑ ♁	
8	M	☿ ♏ *mild but*	
9	T	*lovely*	
10	W	☉ Sam Jones	Heaven iz ever kind tew us, she puts our humps on our backs so that we kant see them.
11	T	was a	
12	F	clam hunter ♗ ♃	
13	S	♌ ♈ *warm rains*	
14	G	♁ now the	
15	M	hog	
16	T	rooteth ♗	
17	W	♈ *smoky weather* ✳	Wise men hav but fu confidents, and cunning men, none.
18	T	now the	
19	F	Jackass warbleth ●	
20	S	☉ ◐ *sighns ov*	
21	G	*frost*	
22	M	♀ ● now	I think i am about right when i say, that all things which do not korrupt are innocent.
23	T	the hen clucketh ♓	
24	W	♀ ● *it wants tew*	
25	T	*rain*	
26	F	Galen was	
27	S	a	
28	G	doktor. ♂ ♊ ♀	Be yee humble before God,—but resolute before men.
29	M		
30	T		

OCTOBER MISSCELLANY.

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LIBRA, THE ZODIAK SKALES.

Sixteen ounces to the pound wrongs no man. I dont want enny better evidence that things are strikly on the square in the zodiak than the fakt, that they keep a pair ov skales up thare, and they are alwus level. Thare iz a grate deal ov native honesty in a pair of skales. When i begun life, i looked upon every boddy az honest az a pair ov skales, but the skales hav dropt oph from my eyes since, and i begin tew look upon things more az they am. I look upon every man now az strikly honest, who kan prove it. I want honesty weighed out to me just az i do mi sassage, 16 ounces tew the pound. Honesty that lacks an ounce in every pound aint worth a kuss. The ounce that iz lacking iz just what beats us. In the zodiak concern Libra holds the reins over the anitomikal hoss.

THINGS THAT KAN BE DID.

One ov the smartest things a man kan do, iz to drink peper sass.

One ov the safest things a man kan do, iz to ride a saw hoss.

One ov the surest things a man kan do, iz tew slip up on the ice.

One ov the lazyest things a man kan do, iz tew eat soup with a fork.

One ov the longest things a man kan do, iz to long for perfekt happiness.

One ov the handyest things a man kan do, is to giv hiz note for 90 daze.

Q.—Whi iz a lie called a yarn? ♌ ⊕ ♊

'Tis the fate ov kunning men,
Ofttimes tew pla the fule,
So with Joel when he swopt
Horses for a balky mule.

A.—Bekauze it iz dubble and twisted. ♋ ♾ ♐

♅	♄	*Diagnosis.*	*HAISTI PUDDIN.*
1	W	△ Whiskey	Thare aint nothing that iz a
2	T	invented 1612	sure kure for lazyness, but i hav
3	F	♋ *frosty* ♌ △	known a seckond wife tew hurry
4	S	whiskey iz	it sum.
5	G	very proud	
6	M	spirited ● ♃ ♾	
7	T	☿ *sharp frost* ⚓	
8	W	⊕ ♨ ♈ now	
9	T	shuv checkers ⊙ ☻	
10	F	♏ *snow flurrys*	It iz the suprizes ov life after
11	S	♉ Col Peapod	all that give it its zest,—even a
12	G	born 1500 ♎ ≅ ✳	rat makes things interesting bi
13	M	Col Peapod	the natral suddenness with which
14	T	waz a	he cums out, or goes into hiz
15	W	Korporal ♄ ♀ ☿	hole.
16	T	♅ ⊙ *wind sharp*	
17	F	♏ ☻ now	
18	S	lay in	
19	G	yure winter	
20	M	kats ♊ ♂ ⚓ ♋ □	Real good lies are gitting skarse.
21	T	‖ ‖ *rain* ‖ ‖	
22	W	♈ Kats are a	
23	T	kumfert ● ♅ *cool*	
24	F	♋ ♋ frogs quiet	
25	S	♃ *wind north* ♃	
26	G	☻ cider haz	
27	M	cum ♋ *it rains*	The greatest problem ever given
28	T	Diogonese lived in	tew man to solve, and the one
29	W	a barrell ♏ ◐ now	which he haz made the least pro-
30	T	chonk apples ♉	gress in, iz "*know thyself.*"
31	F		

NOVEMBER MISSCELLANY.

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LEO, THE ZODIAK LION.

Leo iz the only real lion that haz been allowed tew run around loose amung folks. Thus far he haz abstained from human flesh. Thare iz a report in the zodiak that he and Taurus had sum words about 15 thousand years ago, but i kant git hold ov the fakts in the case. Leo waz born in the smart little village ov Numidia in the state of Africa, ov unknown parents, and iz now 260 thousand years old. Leo will probably end hiz days in the zodiak, and i hav looked at Leo's piktur in the zodiak gallery and dont hesitate tew rekomend him az a good job for all in search ov a disinterested lion. The lion iz like an auckshioneer in one respekt, hiz grate strength lays in hiz jaw. In the sighns ov the zodiak Leo akts on the heart, and this ackounts for the human heart being so tuff. Next to the gizzard, the heart iz the tuffest piece ov meat in the whole human kritter.

EXAMININ A PORDUNK VALLEY RALE RODE KONDUKTOR.

President. Have yu a gold kronometer worth 300 dollars?

Konduktor. Not mutch!

President. Do yu keep a trotter?

Konduktor. Not enny!

President. Hav yu enny dimond rings?

Konduktor. Nary!

President. Do yu own a fiteing dog?

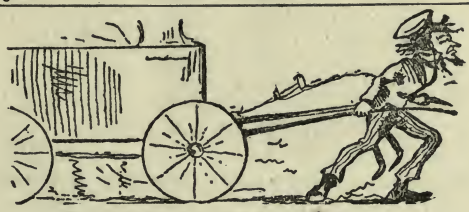
Konduktor. Nothing ov the sort!

President. How much bank stock have yu got?

Konduktor. Not a red!

President. We shant want yu,—the Pordunk valley rale rode haz got done furnishing konduktors with these things.

Q.—What did Adam and Eve weigh when they left Paradise?



He sold the mule for 3 dollars'
Worth ov.honey in the comb,
Then got himself between the shafts,
And hauld the waggin home.

A.—They weighed ankor and haint dropt it since. ♄ ♀ ☊

☉	☗	*Diagnosis.*	*LAM CHOPS.*
1	S	♋ ≅ now	Whenever yu see a dokter who alwus travels on the run, yu kan bet he iz out ov a job.
2	G	ketch kold ☿ ♎ ●	
3	M	♒ *raw but sour*	
4	T	♊ dough nuts	
5	W	found 1590 ♏ ♋ ♈	
6	T	♓ *more sour* ♀	
7	F	vinegar invented	
8	S	1262 ☉ ♐ ♓ □	It iz a grate deal eazier tew be a philosopher after a man haz had hiz dinner, than it iz when he dont kno whare he iz a going tew git it.
9	G	♗ *sour inkreases*	
10	M	♄ ♎ △ lemons	
11	T	had 856 ♋ ♈ *sour*	
12	W	*enuff* ≅ ♊ ♂ ♂	
13	T	♌ Lazarus	
14	F	waz	
15	S	a	
16	G	poor man ♉ ♊ ♎	Wit without wisdum iz like a song without sense, it dont pleaze long.
17	M	● ☉ *sighns ov*	
18	T	*snow* △ ☿ hash	
19	W	fust mixt 1645 ☊	
20	T	*kold wetness* ♆	
21	F	☺ ♗ □ ♋ now fri	I dont bet on prekoshus children, the huckelberry that ripens the soonest iz alwus the fust tew dekay.
22	S	sassage ♂ ♄ *kolder*	
23	G	♏ ♯ thanksgiving	
24	M	threatens ♂ ♗	
25	T	*rain and sleet* ♏ ♒	
26	W	♎ ● be wise	
27	T	and yu	
28	F	will know	The bulk ov mankind are mere imitators ov poor originals.
29	S	sumthing ♈ ♋	
30	G		

DECEMBER MISSCELLANY.

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GEMINI, THE ZODIAK TWINS.

I have asked several literary people if they would tell me whoze two children the Gemini waz, but they all shook their heds, and begun tew whissell. Maybe they thought i waz a kondem phool. I would just like tew know all about this. Thare iz 2 things in this life for which we are never fully prepared, and them iz twins. The zodiak twins are a kupple ov nice little phellows, if their piktur aint mistaken on the subjekt. I never hav saw them only in their pikturs. Twins are two very interesting acksidents tew happen in sumboddy elses family, but one twin at a time suits me the most. In the zodiak sighns, the Gemini akt on the arms. I have alwus noticed that when a person haz twins the sighns are in the arms.

CLASS IN METAPHISICKS STAND UP.

Teacher. Which iz the most stubborist animile?

Skoller. The klam, he wont budge a bit!

Teacher. Who iz the most open gaited animile?

Skoller. The swine, he kan open enny kind ov a gate!

Teacher. Which iz the most sure footedest animile?

Skoller. The mewel, he kan hit a man twice in a seckond 10 foot oph.

Teacher. Who iz the most foolishest animile?

Skoller. The goose, he dont kno enuff to go in when it rains.

Teacher. Class in metaphisicks may set down.

Q.—What iz the hardest thing a man kan do? ♃ ♂ ⊕ ♃

Hiz wife (God bless her) went out tew push,
And learn whi this waz sutch,
Joel dropt a tear, and sed,
"Hannah! i've swopt once tew mutch."

A.—Tend sumboddy else's baby. ♋ ♅ ♀ ♒

☿	♏	*Diagnosis:*	*BROOK TROUT.*
1	M	♓ The fust	The principal importanse ov a mistery iz the mistery itself,—what makes a ghost so respecktable a karakter iz, that noboddy ever saw one.
2	T	flea kaught	
3	W	1210 ♃ ♈ ♋	
4	T	⊕ *bitter kold* ♂	
5	F	≅ ● the flea	
6	S	got away ♊ ● ●	
7	G	♀ *it snows* ▽ now	
8	M	assasinate hogs ††	
9	T	♁ Rachel Blood-	
10	W	good born 1813	
11	T	● ☾ *the kold iz*	
12	F	*kold* ♁ ♊ ♈ ≅ ♏	Affektashun alwus looks well in a monkey.
13	S	♋ ♉ Rachel	
14	G	waz a	
15	M	spinster ♏ ⊙ ✳	
16	T	△ ♒ *kolder* ♐ ♅	
17	W	♊ Rachel	
18	T	spun yarns ♂ ♂	
19	F	♂ ice 2 foot thick	Trieing to define love, iz like trieing tew tell how yu kum tew brake thru the ice,—all yu know about it iz, yu fell in and got *ducked.*
20	S	on the level ♈ ☽ ☿	
21	G	*sumwhat kolder*	
22	M	□ ⊙ ♂ ☿ now	
23	T	attak buk wheat	
24	W	kakes ♂ ♉ ♋ ♌	
25	T	¶ *awful kold* ☰	
26	F	♋ ♄ ♉ hot	
27	S	lemonade	
28	G	diskoverd 1306 ♅	A wize man never enjoys himself so mutch, nor a phool so little, az when alone.
29	M	♌ *expekt snow* ☽ ☽	
30	T	♍ Good-bye ♡	
31	W		

LATEST NUZE.

Dik Blister waz arrested yesterday bi offiser Pinkerton for trieing tew pass a counterfit omnibuss, on a 50 cent driver, ov the 23' street line ov stages. Held for examinashun.

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It iz sed (but not offishall) that Mr. & Mrs. Punchinello will not visit the white mountains next season. Their dauter Betsey Punchinello iz sed tew be engaged to the Baron Von Chalk, and the family will enter seklushun on this ackount.

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A writer in Blackwood's magazine estimates that thare haint been, in all, over 200 fleas killed since the flood.

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On dit, that Dick Manchester haz quit the 3 kard monte bizzness, and iz starring it legitimately, at Sing Sing, on a 2 years engagement.

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We are pleased tew notiss the growing popularity ov Mr. & Mrs. David Jibboom, their respektibility iz now fully established, having appeared on the avenew with a two hoss carriage, and a slitely coloured driver, with a velvet hat band, and two rows of brass buttons.

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The latest agony in poodles iz saffron, with steel coloured eyes.

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Matilda O'Brigham, four days in her last place, with a karakter, will receive proposals at her residence in makrel row. No objekshuns to going into the country for the summer az companyun tew a lady provided suitable references are given. Lessons on the piano will be taken instead ov the usual presents expekted from the family.

The man whom you kant
git to write poetry, or
tell the truth, untill you
git him haff drunk aint
worth the investment.—
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SIGHNS AND WONDERS FOR THE YEAR 1874.

Whenever yu see a yung man hanging around a korner grosery, and drinking 3 cent gin every time he kan git enny boddy tew ask him, yu kan make up yure mind that he haz bin unanimously nominated for the stait prizon, and will probably git his elekshun.

———o———

Whenever yu see an old goose setting on a post hole, and trieing tew hatch thè hole out, yu kan cum tew the konklushun that she is strikly a one idee goose.

———o———

Whenever a forlorn kat gits under yure windo, in a hot nite, and begins tew holler, yu may kno that kat wants sumthing,—killing, probberbly.

———o———

Whenever yu see a dog stop suddintly, in the road, with a flee onto him, and begin tew flea round, and round, after himself, untill he falls down, and rools over, yu will say tew yureself, that dorg iz like the wicked, he fleas, when no man perseweth.

OIL OF KONSOLASHUN.

The "Josh Billings Allminax" iz one ov our tex books, at the Pordunk Feminine Institoot.

Mrs. Charity Skidmore, A.M.

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Medisin Book—Ugh!!

Spotted tail, Chief ov the Pawnees.

———o———

Full ov thought, full ov pathos, full ov phun.

John Brace, L.L.D.

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It's a big thing, bi Jupiter.

Billy Murdok.

———o———

How spontaneous! How pathetic! How preponderating! How!—How are yu Josh!

Doktor Blake.

———o———

Oh yu pesky thing, Josh! yu are too killing.

Sally Ann Sprauge.

ADAM BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Adam Billings waz the fust ov the Billingses. He waz verry phatt. Little did he dream ov the glorious krop that waz a going tew spring up from hiz sowing. He waz born, az near as i kan figger, about the year 1200, more or less. Hiz temper iz represented az being az even az the figger 2. Hiz habits were az pure az the mountain dew; he never drinkt enny spiritous rum, nor root elevators. He went barefutt untill hiz 32d year, and ever afterwards luved the naked futt. He waz a good danser, and realized thoze blessed old shake downs, now gone and fled. He waz named after the original Adam, and iz sed, bi them who remember them both, tew resembel him mutch in the kast ov hiz face. He waz too fond ov the marvelous, he wouldn't tell a lie exackly, but he could cum az near tew it, az a swallo kan to a frog's noze, when they skim a mud puddle. Adam Billings iz now ded, i beleave, but if he aint, and this should meet hiz eye, he kant, i think, but admire the square manner in which his luvely relik haz handled his case. Adam Billings didn't leave much reputashun behind him, but what he did leave, is fair tew middling. We nee'r shall see him more. Probably not. Too true. Rather melankolly than otherwise.

MORAL.

Thare iz naut so hard for grief tew handle,
Az the man whoze ribs are phatt 's a kandle.

31 Days. JANUARY. 1874.

Q.—What iz ginger pop?

A.—Gimnastic water.

In Pordunk town thare lived a man,
A man ov small posseshion,
Hezekiah Birch waz hiz name,
A teacher bi profeshun.

		Kronollogy.	*KINDLING WOOD.*
1	T	*Now kold*	Snobs are alwus toadys.
2	F	*weather*	
3	S	haz froze	
4	G	the tender	
5	M	bull frog	
6	T	up solid	
7	W	and the	
8	T	melodious goose	Diogoneze hunted in the da time for an honest man, with a lantern; if he had lived in theze times, he would hav needed the hed lite ov a lokomotiff.
9	F	iz hush	
10	S	in stillness	
11	G	and the	
12	M	old she kat	
13	T	dreams beneath	
14	W	the	
15	T	cook stove and	
16	F	the luscious	
17	S	slapjax smokes	
18	G	on the table	
19	M		A pedant iz like a yung rooster, he crows in season, and out ov season.
20	T	and the	
21	W	Widow Stebbins'	
22	T	wood pile	
23	F	grows less	
24	S	every day	
25	G	and the	
26	M	roze that	
27	T	all are praizing	
28	W	iz not the	Thare iz no kure for vanity, gitting thoroly wet cums the nearest to it, for the time being.
29	T	roze for	
30	F	me or enny	
31	S	other man ! ! !	

ZEPHENIAH BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Zepheniah Billings waz a phiddler bi birth and purswashun. He also had another natral gift, and that waz tew owe everyboddy. Late in life he quit phiddling, and took up shumaking; but the world lost a good phidler bi the operashun, and got a kussid poor shumaker. Oh! 'tis ever thus. At hiz final deth he owed upwards ov 70 dollars, and hiz leavings konsisted ov one old phiddle, and a pint ov bass wood shupegs. He would travel on foot 7 miles tew a kuntry tavern, and phiddle all nite at a kuntry bawl for 75 cents, and owe the landlord two dollars and a half nex morning for vittles and drink. Zeph' was an unprofitable man to know, for he couldn't tend an evening meeting, on sunday, without running into det to sumboddy. It waz sed ov him, that he waz never known tew shed a tear or pa a det. He died finally, and i presume he was saved; but he may hav bin lost, for accidents will happen in the uppermost familys. He had a cool hed, and a warm harte. Bless Zepheniah Billings, he was a ripe skollar on the phiddle, and could pla "*Tare her down Sal*," and sich dear old sweetsavoured things, klean up tew perfekshun. He haz gone now, allass! allass! but i am prepared tew say, in the language ov another, "Bully for yu, Zepheniah!" All flesh iz grass. So iv'e bin told. Funny. Mutch.

MORAL.

To kure the fidgits and calm the bile,
The phiddle iz like kastor ile.

Q.—What iz man?

A.—Live dirt.

For twenty long and weary years,
He meekly workt for others good,
And well he taught the distrik skool,
Boardin round the naborhood.

♈	☉	*Kronollogy.*	*PLUM PITS.*
1	G	Now marry ⊕ now	Human natur iz like cow natur, i hav known them both tew giv a good mess ov milk, and then kik it over.
2	M	thrash oats § now	
3	T	♈ puntch fires ♌	
4	W	now ketch rats ♒	
5	T	♉ now eat ♓	
6	F	hash ♍	
7	S	now	
8	G	♄ grease boots ♐	
9	M	∴ now pla	
10	T	≅ checkers ¶ now	I luv a phool, what little i kno i hav larnt by hanging around them.
11	W	sing sams ☉ ♀	
12	T	△ now chew	
13	F	gum ‖§‖ ● now	
14	S	[§§] kurl hair (!)	
15	G	now mux ☿	
16	M	♋ sassage ☰ now	Munny makes munny. We all ov us take our korn to the ritch miller tew hav it ground.
17	T	♀ jerk wood	
18	W	now kil duks ♂	
19	T	(††) now	
20	F	kil time [†] ♗ now	
21	S	swop hens	
22	G	△ ♋ ✳ ⊙ now	
23	M	yoke steers ♎	
24	T	now tell ⊕ ♃	Thare iz two kinds ov wize people in this world, the *wize* and the *unwize*.
25	W	☽ yarns—now	
26	T	sighn the pledge [?]	
27	F	● now go to bed ☽	
28	S		

JEHOSSAPHATT BILLINGS.

HIS MEMORANDUM.

Jehossiphat Billings waz a very kluss man ; he never waz known tew waste ennything, by giving it away. The grate extravaganse ov hiz life, and the one he never forgot tew speak ov, waz giving 3 dollars towards bilding the Pordunk meetin hous. After he giv the munny, he took such a deep interest in the work on the metin house, that the kommitty waz obliged tew giv him bak the munny to git shut ov him. He swore he'd sue them for the interest on the munny, but he never did. Jehoss' Billings waz one ov them kind ov men who mistake avarice for ekonemy. He died at the age of 63, if i hav sarched right, from an overdose ov klam chowder drank at a free lunch. Jehossiphatt Billings had his phailings, but rekless extravaganse want amung the lot, he also had his virteus, but blind and irrepressible generosity want among this lot neither. He waz buried, without eny fuss, in the year 1286. What has bekum ov him I kant state. Sleep on, Jehossiphat, in thi slumbers. I would like tew say sum more about Jehoss', but i kant without telling the truth. Truth iz sumtimes like a hot pertato, the only way tew handle it eazy, is tew drop it. I will dri up here. The end. Hush! Lay low.

MORAL.

The klussest man i ever knu,
  Waz Deakon Erastus Meggs,
Tew save expense, he oft would sett,
  Hiz pullets on spile-ed eggs.

Q.—What iz hash?

He sawed the wood and bilt the fires,
And while the boys were playing,
Hurried, and swept the skool hous out,
And dun a little praying.

A.—A konfidense game.

♈	♎	*Kronollogy.*	*SNAPPIN TURKLES.*
1	G	♉ ♋ Tell me	Humility iz cup bearer to wisdum.
2	M	yee whispring	
3	T	winds ♐ when ♁	
4	W	♌ ♍ ♏ hens	
5	T	♈ will lay ♋	
6	F	and	
7	S	♋ what will)(♄	
8	G	be next ♈ ♉ ♐	Thare iz plenty ov pholks in this world whoze hartes bleed for the poor, but whoze pocket-books never do.
9	M	♎ ♃ spring	
10	T	the price ♑ ♀	
11	W	ov hay ♏	
12	T	♇ ♓ ♒ and	
13	F	tell me if ≅ ‖ ☊	
14	S	♅ ✳ yu kan	
15	G	whare i will ♋	
16	M	♈ ☿ find an honest	
17	T	man ♗ ♐ and ♁	The man who iz willing tew help everyboddy (i am sorry to say this), iz willing tew be cheated by everyboddy.
18	W	⊕ also tell me ☌	
19	T	♁ whare all	
20	F	♀ ☊ ♇ the modest	
21	S	wimmin are ♅ ♎ ♅	
22	G	¶ tell me ♑ ♂	
23	M	♎ theze things	
24	T	and tell me ♋ ♈	
25	W	♒ true ☊ and	
26	T	♉ whispring	
27	F	winds ♋ □ ⊕	If i kan set the fashions for a people, i dont kare who makes their laws.
28	S	♏ ♓ i'll be ☌	
29	G	♏ mutch obliged	
30	M	≅ to yu △	
31	T		

MELKISIDEK BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Melkisidek Billings waz a dandy ov the old skool, and also a lover. He loved the whole entire femail populashun. He parted hiz hare in the middle, and did it unkommon even. He had one grate weakness which grew on him, and that waz the length ov hiz little finger-nale. Historians say that this finger-nale gru tew be a yard in length, but it strikes me that this must be a profound lie. He waz a very punktillious man, in hiz every-day wear, and drest chuck up tew the fashun. Melkisidek hadn't mutch branes, but he didn't need much, for hiz bizzness thru life waz the lover bizzness. Just before he died he marrid, and left one dauter, a sentimental offspring, who afterwards run away, at the age ov 16, with a dansing master. Mel' Billings waz ov the nuter jender, he hadn't karakter enuff to do enny hurt, and ov kourse kouldn't do enny good. He died about the right time, anno dominoze, 1695, and waz buried comfortably in the grave yard, at lower Pordunk town. Melkisidek Billings waz mi ansesstor, and that waz kind in him. He had an epitaff on hiz stone which i dont rekolekt ov ever seeing in print before, and for the benefit ov those who studdy theze memorandums i will translate it. "*An honest man iz the nobless work ov God.*" Good, aint it? Rather!

MORAL.

Dandys are a harmless crew,
  Ov the butterfly purswashun;
Happy with a nektie new,
  Hero's ov sum small ockashun.

Q.—Define twins?

In this big, but pekuliar world,
Not a friend had Hezekiah,
The boys put pins into hiz chair,
And water in hiz hair diah.

A.—2 mutch.

♒	♅	*Kronollogy.*	*QUALE ON TOAST.*
1	W	♉ Hark ♋ the	Sum pholks are like kats, so well ballanced that they alwuss strike on their feet when they fall.
2	T	violet cums — —	
3	F	on tip toze	
4	S	♉ and the	
5	G	yello dandy ♌ ♅	
6	M	♋ ✳ lion gilds	
7	T	the sod ☺ and	
8	W	krickets kraul ♋	
9	T	♓ ♍ ♄ from out	
10	F	their holes ☉ ☺	
11	S	♌ and loafers	Lovers are alwuss defineing their extacys, but they are in no better condishun tew do it, than a drunken man iz tew deliver a tempranse lektur.
12	G	seek the sun ♋ ♇	
13	M	♈ and dogs	
14	T	△ ☿ tree kats	
15	W	and frogs begin	
16	T	♉ tew jabber ♂	
17	F	♍ ♋ and tinkers	
18	S	tramp ♒ and	
19	G	April phool ♈ ♯ ♎	
20	M	□ grins at	
21	T	every corner ♋ ♂	Silence iz alwus safe.
22	W	♉ ♋ and — hark	
23	T	from the tombs ♃	
24	F	♋ ♌ a doleful	
25	S	● [!!] sound	
26	G	♈ mine ears ♄	
27	M	attend ♃ ♉ ♓	False praze iz the wust kind ov slander.
28	T	♀ the cry ♌ ♐	
29	W	and so forth ♄ ♋	
30	T		

SOLOMAN BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Soloman Billings waz born the 26th ov May, 1322, old stile. He waz knone fur and near for hiz chunks ov wisdum, but, like Soloman ov old, he could talk wisdum better than he could do it. This iz the way with all the wize men i hav met lately. Soloman Billings waz a leetle slippery, but he managed tew git thru life without slipping down mutch, and died reazonably well. He waz sed, bi all who knu him, tew be chuk full ov wisdum; he could tell, bi looking at the egg, how mutch a goslin would weigh before it waz born, and when the best time waz tew set a hen or a gate-post. Sol's mouth waz full ov wisdum; litening couldn't strike a tree, just for fun, but what he would preach a moral sermon from the tex. He waz dredful sertain ov what he did kno, and want the least bit unsertain ov what he didn't kno. I find in digging down tew the hard pan ov Soloman, mi ansesstor, that he had a grate deal ov vanity, a large amount ov impudense, a good supply ov inkredulity, just the things, for all the world, tew make a wize phool out of. He died az aforesed, and i look bak upon him az one who haz departed this life. Adew, Soloman, mi ansesstor. Deth iz tuff. Sumwhat! I will add, quite.

MORAL.

Wisdum chunks are chunkier far,
Than all the chunks that chunky ar.

Q.—What iz ignorance?

The skule kommitty made him work,
(How krewel and unphealling,)
For less than a bartender gits,
And nary chance for stealing.

A.—Raw happiness.

♌	♈	*Kronollogy.*	*POP KORN.*
1	F	Now the	I dont kare what a mans kondishun in life iz, if he iz too mutch for the kondishun he iz a hero.
2	S	vain rooster	
3	G	splits hiz	
4	M	thrut and	
5	T	hope exultant	
6	W	spreds her	
7	T	downy wing	
8	F	and life iz short	
9	S	but sweet	
10	G	and lettiss	
11	M	grows apace	Avarice iz about the only pashun that improves by age.
12	T	and giv me	
13	W	liberty or	
14	T	giv me deth	
15	F	and what's	
16	S	the matter	
17	G	with Hannah	
18	M	and hav	
19	T	yu heard	
20	W	that deakon	The truly brave are alwus generous.
21	T	Jones	
22	F	haz	
23	S	lost a	
24	G	heifer	
25	M	and sich	
26	T	iz life	
27	W	and wood-	
28	T	man	He whom prosperity makes humble and thankful, adversity haz no power over.
29	F	spare that	
30	S	tree and	
31	G		

DUTERONOMY BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Duteronomy Billings waz a square man. He waz az square az the bloks on a checker-board. He waz just the same kind ov a man in the fall, az he waz in the spring ov the year; yu didn't hav tew winter him tew find out who he waz. He alwus did az he agreed, but waz dredful bakward about agreeing. Duteronomy waz immense in one thing, and that waz the length ov hiz noze. He had more noze ackordin, than enny man in history. One writer ov the eleventh sentury, sez hiz noze waz 8 inches in length, and another makes it a frackshun over 10 inches; i will split the difference, and call it 7. If Dute' waz alive now, i think he would sustain mi figgures. In writing theze details ov mi ansesstors, i am guided bi a luv tew do a square thing, and if i er, it will be all owing tew mi luk. I never waz right lucky since I had the meazles. They took place in the 14th year ov mi age, when i lived with mi unkle. I had them too thik. Duteronomy Billings waz named after old Duteronomy ov bible times, and az ansesstors run, he waz a very good kind ov a one tew hav. He died az he had lived, exackly square. In konklushun i will say lie still dear Dute', yu hav got a square thing. Thare iz force in the idee. I may add, grate force. Very. Indeed.

MORAL.

Sum men are oktagon,
And sum three-sided are,
'Tis mortal tuff tew find one
Who iz kompletely square.

Q.—Define the hen?

Tho kivvered o'er with sich abuse,
He never fout agen it,
The very wuss that Hez' would kuss,
Waz the simple word KONDEMIT.

A.—A lay member.

♒	♗	*Kronollogy.*	*KREAM OV TARTAR.*
1	M	≅ Can the	Vice makes a man kunning, virtew makes him wize.
2	T	leopard change ♂	
3	W	♢ hiz name ☺ waz	
4	T	Norval on the ♅	
5	F	Grampine hills	
6	S	☌ he loved not ♏	
7	G	wizely but too ✳	
8	M	☄ menny ☻ cooks	
9	T	spile ♊ the brakeing	The ritch spend their time in kreating wants, the poor in gratifying them,—the poor are the most sensible.
10	W	♍ wares dashed ♒	
11	T	hi low Jak ♑ and	
12	F	☊ ☒ the game	
13	S	of brag iz good ☻	
14	G	♞ but holdfast	
15	M	iz better ♀ ☊	
16	T	☉ ☐ ☌ late than	
17	W	never too old ♏	
18	T	△ to learn ☋	
19	F	♂ ☻ the luxury	The man who iz the most fraid tew die, iz the one who knows least how tew liv.
20	S	ov doing	
21	G	◑ good ⊕ bye ♀	
22	M	sweetheart	
23	T	♃ and George ☉	
24	W	☻ ♋ Washington	
25	T	waz	
26	F	the father ♒ ♅	
27	S	♓ ☿ ov hiz	I had rather be a boy again, than tew be the autokrat ov the world.
28	G	natiff ♗ ●	
29	M	♞ ☊ land ☻ ♁	
30	T		

PORKANBEANS BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Porkanbeans Billings lived and throve in the 16th sentury. He loved a horse with grate power. He could swop a horse clusser than enny man that imparshall history tells ov. He iz sed tew have swopped Deakon Absolem Featherweight, klean out ov a 5 year old sorrel horse, at one swop, and the deakon waz looked upon az almost insurmountable in a dikker. Not tew disguise the fakt, Porky Billings waz a hoss jockey ov the anshunt daze, one who hung around the village tavern, and alwuss had on hand an old flag-tailed pelter, with a glass eye, tew trade with ennyboddy. I dont feal like bragging ov Porkanbeans az an ansesstor, but i must say, az a horse jockey, (if all reports are trew) i feal proud ov him. I forgot tew state, that Porky left no property. Thare iz a grate deal ov genius in the horse-swop bizzness but fu assetts. Porkanbeans died instantly, sumwhare about the fust ov the 17th sentury. He waz struk bi the hind feet ov a mule. Moral karakter even wont save a phello-being from dissolushun, when a mule goes for him with both hind feet at once. Sich iz life. Sich iz the mule. Porkanbeans haz my sympathy, he also haz mi tears, but i dont serpose they will be worth mutch tew him now, he iz too ded. Fairwell old phello-being, fairwell mi ansesstor. Deth iz our porshun. I think i kan say this without making a phool ov miself. Undoubtedly. Yes. Jiss so.

MORAL.

Tew swop a horse and not git beat,
Iz sumthing nice tew brag on,
I tried it once, and that's the time
I lost a horse—and waggon.

Q.—Pleaze define a good wife?

Dont talk to me ov anshunt Job,
Ov biles he had a plenty,
But they were all one breed ov biles,
Leastwize 19 *out ov twenty.*

A.—A silent partner in the consara.

♃	♌	*Kronollogy.*	*SHOOTING STARS.* ***
1	W	Grate hot	One ov the eazyest things tew
2	T	♌ Billy Buckram	hear ov, and at the same time
3	F	died 1304 ♒	one ov the hardest tew find, iz a
4	S	carry the ♈	ghost.
5	G	news to Mary	
6	M	✳ hotter still	
7	T	i luv it hot	
8	W	inkreases ♀ ♂	
9	T	♂ □ i luv it	
10	F	still hotter ♏ that	
11	S	old arm chair	It iz only a step from lazyness
12	G	♈ awful hot	tew vice, and a short one at that.
13	M	and who shall	
14	T	more hot △	
15	W	chide me cooler	
16	T	♃ ♈ with rain	
17	F	for luving	
18	S	lightning and	
19	G	thunder ♂ ♊ ♓	Thare iz lots ov people who
20	M	that still hot	mistake their imaginashun for
21	T	♈ ☿ that Nancy	their memory.
22	W	Dodge born	
23	T	1786 ♓ old	
24	F	♊ arm chair	
25	S	wind south	
26	G	mad dogs ♏ ♀	
27	M	☉ ♌ seen ☿ the	
28	T	boy stood on △ ♅	Bashfullness that kant be over-
29	W	the burning dek	come, iz modesty.
30	T	mutch weather	
31	F		

JAMAIKA BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Jamaika Billings waz sed bi good judges ov the artikle, tew be the lazyest man that ever visited this world. At the age ov 14 he waz pronounced bi the doktors too lazy tew ketch flies. He waz named after hiz unkle who had a grate speshiality in the jamaika-rum line, and who could float more ardent speerits, on an evener keel, than enny human kraft in thoze daze. Jamaika lived tew a grate extent; sum say that he waz 160 when he died, and sum put it at 142, but all giv in that he didn't di from enny disseaze, but kind ov lazyed tew deth. He waz born tired, and never outgru it. He marrid at 37, but hiz wife left him at the end ov the fust month ov their nupshalls, taking with her all the pussonell affekts, whitch were a kupple ov cedar wash-tubs, and a seckond-hand buggy harness, brass-mounted. Her fust name waz Polly Ann. They never met afterwards, if they did, history dont kno it. Jamak'e Billings didn't hav enny vice tew speak ov, he waz even too lazy for that. He seems tew hav spent hiz life in hanging around places, keeping ragged and phatt on nothing. He died in Old Pordunk, and i suppoze waz burried, but history dont say so, in jiss so menny words. He waz mi ansesstor, but i kant help it. Can I? I hav bin told not. Queer.

MORAL.

I never knu, in all mi life,
  Enny man tew go krazy,
Who alwuss took things setting down,
  And kultivated hiz lazy.

Q.—What iz a cock loft?

But in a distrik skool i kno,
Each boy's a bile unkommon,
And must a diffrent poultiss hav,
Tew git a hed upon em.

A.—A roosters hed.

♅	♊	*Kronollogy.*	*MUSHROOMS.*
1	S	Huge heat ♗ ⊕	It iz az hard work tew git ac-
2	G	☿ David Blair	quainted with a haff bred family,
3	M	born 1818 ♒ ♋ ♌	az it iz for them tew conceal
4	T	☉ hot inkreases	their pedigree.
5	W	♊ ♐ David Blair	
6	T	waz an	
7	F	♅ essence pedlar ♂	
8	S	thunder showers ♒	
9	G	♈ now keep ♌	
10	M	♀ cool ♂ ☿ hotter	
11	T	♋ ☉ if enny man	If a man knows himself thor-
12	W	attempts tew ♈	oughly, he iz az wize az he kan
13	T	♒ more hot ☉	be in this life.
14	F	haul down ♋ good	
15	S	△ hot ♓ the flag	
16	G	♅ red hot ♄ shute	
17	M	him on the ♈	
18	T	⊕ spot ♐ cooler	
19	W	now ♏ Bully for	I luv tew watch the sports ov
20	T	Dix ♂ ☿ now lay	children, they kant be children
21	F	♀ ⊕ in yure sun ♗	but once, and then but a short
22	S	strokes ♌ for next	time.
23	G	♑ winter ♊ it biles !	
24	M	☞ Mike Doolittle	
25	T	born 1830 ☉ died	
26	W	1850 ♋ Mike done	
27	T	but little here belo	Hope claims the most, and iz
28	F	nor dun that little ‖	satisfied with the least, ov enny
29	S	⊕ long ⊖ now	pashun ov the harte.
30	G	konkockt juleps ♁	
31	M		

EKLEEZIASTIKS BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Ekleeziastiks Billings waz a Puritan bi natur and occupashun. He waz az puritan az spring lam soaked in mint saus. Sum ov the most kold and thawless stok in all Nu England oozed from Ekleeze' Billings. He waz kreated nominally in the year 1570, and had hiz trunk packed tew cum over in the May Flower, but didn't cum. He cum over the nex fall, and went immejiately into the pilgrim bizzness. Ekleeziastiks kept a grocery store, and never sanded hiz sugar, nor watered hiz Nu England rum without fust asking tew be forgiv for it. How pure! how lam like! Ekleeziastiks waz very tall, but then he waz very thin; he waz over 6 feet perpendiklar, and not quite 7 inches thru. He weighed 146 with hiz winter clothes and cowhide boots on. He preserved hiz thinity unto deth. He died from eating too mutch garden-truk. How sad! how disinterested! Ekleesiastiks had one virtew which shines tew this day, he waz very saving ov hiz clothes. Hiz best blu koat, with brass buttons on, and a sharp tail tew it, he wore for 18 years, and then kut oph the buttons and had it prest out, and sent it tew the heathen. Ekleeze' waz both a saving and a libral kuss. He lived tew be over 90, and then died game; he wouldn't hav enny doktor. He dispized doktors bills. How touching! Truly. How touchful! Really.

MORAL.

Blest iz the man who iz partikular,
And duz all things up perpindikular.
(Chorus.) Ri fol de rol, ri folderikular.

Q.—Define honesty?

A.—The wag ov a dogs tail.

The only kind ov konsolashun
This man got, aint worth a kuss,
For 'twas PITTY,—*and we all kno*
PITTY *iz but mild disguss.*

☺	♃	*Kronollogy.*	*KAPER SAUS.*
1	T	✳ Butiful weather	Genuine wit dont make a man laff enny more than logick duz.
2	W	elegant weather ♎	
3	T	♈ deliteful weather	
4	F	superb weather ☯	
5	S	♀ ● divine weather	
6	G	charming weather	
7	M	exquisitt weather ♓	
8	T	emoshional weather	
9	W	☻ gorgeous weather	
10	T	* celestial weather *	Yu kan buy larning, but wit and wisdum are the gift ov God.
11	F	blissful weather ♋	
12	S	♂ grate weather ♋	
13	G	☿ fine weather ♊ ☄	
14	M	☯ delishus weather	
15	T	heavenly weather ♌	
16	W	♗ glorious weather	
17	T	magnificient ♂ ♄	
18	F	♏ ♨ weather ♋	Energy iz another name for kapacity.
19	S	gushing weather	
20	G	☜ sweet weather ♎	
21	M	exhuberant weather	
22	T	♂ poetick weather	
23	W	fragrant weather ♐	
24	T	☄ luvely weather	
25	F	languishing weather	
26	S	soft weather ♎ mild	Yung men, like grayhounds, follow by sight; old men, like bloodhounds, follow by track.
27	G	weather ♀ bewitch-	
28	M	ing weather ♄ and	
29	T	common weather ☙	
30	W		

LUKE BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Luke Billings waz a skool-master ov the Nu England type and shaddo. He waz an uprite and an austere man, az uprite az a sperm kandle, and az austere az hoss-radish. I look bak onto Luke's memoirs and pitty him, for i pitty awl distrikt-skool masters, all mothers-in-law, and all grass widders. Luke Billings spent hiz whole life in the distrik-skool spekulashun, and died az poor az a salt kodfish. Hiz assetts konsisted ov a pocket-komb and a nu testament. He used tew board round the naborhood, and waz alwuss az hungry az a pikrel. He never had enny friends, nor enny enemys; he waz like a gide-board in this respek. Luke Billings never got marrid, he hadn't the time tew spare. He waz severely engaged, for 26 years, tew Nancy Burbanks, but they both died intestate. They sleep cluss together, in the old grave-yard, at lower Pordunk. Sleep on! sleep on! dear old virgin couple, and pay no attenshun tew noboddy. Lukey wore hiz hare long behind, and kept a distrik skool 34 years 6 months and 17 daze. Oh, dear! oh, dear! Luke i pitty yu. Luke Billings iz an ansesstor that i look bak upon every now and then with my memory, and want tew fite sumboddy on hiz ackount. Fairwell, luvely Luke. Fairwell Lukey. Fairwell. Enuff sed.

MORAL.

From keeping skool, and the pay,
Two things pestiverous,
I feel az tho' I'd like to say,
Good Lord! deliver us.

Q.—What iz a husband?

Much rather would i hav a man,
Than offer me hiz pitty,
Hit me rite smart long side the hed,
For that mite make me gritty.

A.—Gander ov the ockashun.

♅	♄	*Kronollogy.*	*KONDENSED MILK.*
1	T	‖ ‖ About these ♏	The more rare a mans qualitys
2	F	days expekt rain	are, the more he will be found
3	S	♂ ☽ ♃ now worry	falt with,—dust on a dimond iz
4	G	wood chucks ♈ ♊	alwus more noticeable than dust
5	M	☄ ⊕ sighns ov	on a brik.
6	T	snow ::: △ ≅ now	
7	W	hurry coons ● ♃ ♄	
8	T	♅ cooler ♎ now	
9	F	☿ persekute musk	
10	S	rats ⊙ frost ☿ ♅	
11	G	♏ ☻ now	
12	M	♏ hunt patridge ☗	Experience teaches a good
13	T	◐ quite kold ♂	many things, but dont learn us
14	W	♃ now chase quails	but a phew.
15	T	more snow ⚹ now	
16	F	☻ pester foxes ♄ ♀	
17	S	☞ sour rain ☗	
18	G	☌ now persew ⊙ ☿	
19	M	bears ♌ hard	
20	T	♃ frost ♋ ♂ now	I hav seen old villains who
21	W	sarch for ‡§‡	were komparitively pure, they had
22	T	♌ ♀ ≅ elephants ♂	either worn out their vices, or
23	F	☗ □ more kold ☻	their vices had wore out them, i
24	S	△ now go for	dont kno whitch.
25	G	anakondys ⊙ ☄	
26	M	♌ freezing ⚹ now	
27	T	● prospekt for ♄	
28	W	Behomaths ♋ raw	
29	T	kold ♀ now dig for	It requires the gratest ov skill
30	F	mastedons ☄ now ‡	tew hide a weakness.
31	S		

NEBUDKENNEZZAR BILLINGS.

HIZ MEMORANDUM.

Nebudkennezzar Billings waz an orphan bi birth, and kept a hotel, he did. When yu got fride pork at hiz house, it waz fride pork, it waz. Yu didn't hav a bill ov fare tew tell what it waz, yu didn't. Hiz wife waz smarter than chane litening, and kleaner than a ghost, she waz. Her hash didn't hav enny paving-stuns, nor kart-wheels in it, it didn't. Yu mite az well hunt for the lost tribes ov Izrael on her premises, az to hunt for a kokroach, yu mite. Neb's wife had red hare, and waz bony put together, and could fri pork, tend bar, harness a hoss, trade with a peddlar, and make a gin-sling that could almost talk, she could. Nebudkennezzar Billings waz a pollytishioner, and run hard for konstable in old Pordunk, for menny times, he did. It iz justiss tew hiz memoirs tew state, that tho he run well, the offiss alwuss beat him, it did. He never got elekted, he didn't. How prekarious! how impekunious! how transhunt! Alass! alass! Neb' waz kreated in 1502, and dissoluted in 1569, and spent hiz whole life in the hash bizzness, he did. Hiz wife waz boss while here on earth, and will undertake tew be hereafter, she will. But she kant, kan she? She kant. Happy it iz that thare iz a thussness in theze things. Thrice happy. Even nobby. That's so.

MORAL.

Every man thinks he kan keep a hotel,
  But O! how delusiv and rash,
For thare aint no kind ov bizzness so mixt,
  Az doing a klean job in hash.

30 Days. NOVEMBER. 1874.

Q.—What iz pitty?

A.—Cheap charity.

Enny man who a skool haz kept
Ten years, (krewel fate allass!)
Ought tew hav hiz shuze pulled oph,
And be turn ed out tew grass.

⊕	♗	*Kronollogy.*	*GINGER SNAPS.*
1	G	!!!! Hark ♀ the	Thare iz, now and then, a man
2	M	♒ ♋ kold wind	who knows that he iz a phool;
3	T	whissells ● ♒ and	sutch a man iz a hard man tew
4	W	♑ the rane ♒	cheat.
5	T	drizzles ♓ △ and	
6	F	♄ ☁ ♗ the snow ♋	
7	S	phizzles ☉ ♃ □ and	
8	G	♀ the fire sizzles ◐	
9	M	♊ and the ♂	
10	T	♅ ♎ dogs ⊙	I hav known people who waz
11	W	☿ bark ♂ and	virtewous just bekauze they waz
12	T	△ ☿ ◑ the boys	lazy, they hadn't snap enuff in
13	F	♏ lark ♓ ☻ ♄	them tew brake one ov the 10
14	S	♋ ♌ ♍ and the	commandments.
15	G	kats mew ● ☁ and	
16	M	♑ the kittles stew	
17	T	and the pork ♗	
18	W	♋ ♒ ♂ fries ♋ and	
19	T	♐ the mince ♃ ♏	
20	F	pies □ † ‡ † ‖	I beleave pitty iz more ov an
21	S	☍ ♞ and the ♐	impulse than a principle, for we
22	G	turkey dies ♂ ♐	seldum respekt thoze that we
23	M	♗ and the	pitty.
24	T	☿ owl dreameth ♑	
25	W	and the goose ♀ ♂	
26	T	♐ skreameth (!) and	
27	F	the girls ♂ ♃ ♀ ♂	
28	S	♈ snikker ● and the	He who suspekts everyboddy,
29	G	men dikker ☿ and	should be watched by everyboddy.
30	M		

MUSHANMILK BILLINGS.

HIS MEMORANDUM.

Mushanmilk Billings waz one ov mi earliest efforts in the way ov ansesstors. He waz begot during the 11th or 12th sentury, or thareabouts. He derived hiz name from hiz grate ability tew conquer mush and milk. Titus Odistes, a celebrated writer in thoze days, sez he haz known him tew eat a potash kittle ov puddin and milk, at one sitting. I kant state whether this iz sutch or not, for i never met Mushanmilk personally. He died previous tew mi birth. Titus Odistes also sez, that Mushanmilk had a very sweet disposishun, how sweet, he dont tell us, but from what i kno ov the latter-day saints, amung the Billings family, it couldn't hav bin quite up tew the best brand ov Nu Orleans mollassiss. He waz sed tew be number One in modesty, and sitch like, but this dont exackly conspire with what i know ov the Billings'es. Cheeck haz alwus been reckoned amung our virtews. In taking a square look bak upon mi ansesstors, i find that they were rather a thin set. I find that their *ambishun* waz the result ov *vanity*. Their *honesty* the effekt ov *edukashun*. Their *charity*, the luv ov *novelty*. Their *philosophy*, able tew bear the stummukake ov others with heroik fortitude, but not worth a kuss in their own; and their *virteus* generally, more the growth ov their *pride* than ov their *humility*. What a pitty! Echo answers, "Jiss so." Man iz an angleworm. He iz. Verily.

MORAL.

Thare aint to-day, so just a vittle,
Az mush,—rite hot, from out the kittle.

Q.—Define salt kodfish?

Instid ov this, how trew it tis,
The skoolmaster iz treated,
Like one we owe 50 dollars,
And wont admit we've cheated.

A.—Vittles and—drink.

☿	♍	*Kronollogy.*	*KOLD KUTS.*
1	T	♊ Bitter kold ≅ ✳	The more humble a man iz before God, the more he will be exalted,—the more humble he iz before men, the more he will git rode ruff shod.
2	W	a thing ov buty ♋	
3	T	♓ iz a joy forever	
4	F	thundring kold ♟	
5	S	♈ ♃ ♂ if yu must	
6	G	drink hot ♂ ☿	
7	M	⊕ rum ♋ do it now	
8	T	jehosiphat kold ♁	
9	W	¶ now distruckshun	
10	T	☿ ☿ wood ≅ slam	
11	F	bang kold ☉ ♞	The only really natral thing thare iz about enny man, iz hiz conshunce.
12	S	Job Stearns	
13	G	♁ △ ♏ born 1500	
14	M	indefatigabel kold	
15	T	Job Stearns ♐ ♒	
16	W	♅ waz an ♋	
17	T	♟ itinerant ♋ ♁ ♂	Enuff good luk will ruin enny man.
18	F	ompompanoosuck	
19	S	♉ kold ♁ Job ♏	
20	G	itinerated △ ♀ ●	
21	M	☾ tin ware	
22	T	sno phawls ♄ now	Whare thare iz one man obstinate bekauze he iz wize, thare iz 4,695,853 obstinate bekauze they are ignorant.
23	W	stir up ☉ ☿ ♞	
24	T	♂ □ yure goose	
25	F	unimpeachible kold	
26	S	♋ roosters freeze ♋	
27	G	yures, with spark-	
28	M	ling hopes —	Trust in God first, yure nabor next, and yureself last.—AMEN.
29	T	Josh Billings ♞	
30	W	♟ Allminacker ♋	
31	T		

PERSONALS.

—:o:—

*** H. J. B.—If the lady with lavender poodle, would like tew swop dogs, Barney O'Toole iz her man.

B. O'Toole.

—:o:—

*** D.—Dont menshun it; mum iz the word. Star ov buty, the goose hangeth hi.

Lover.

—:o:—

*** Sweetness.—Virtew iz her own cashier; the violet iz blu; the racoon haz a bushy tail; man waz made tew mourn; meet me at the pea-nut stand.

Harrold.

—:o:—

*** Spongkake.—Dost luv me? The kold moon listened when yu breathed a vow in Bridget Costello's ear; dont go back on me Patrik, if thou dost, be jabbers i will hav satisfackshun.

Bridget.

—:o:—

*** Bill Mustach.—Dont put on airs; how about that box ov 5 cent cigars yu owe for? Yure wash-woman mourns yure abscence.

Sam Peel.

Thare iz nothing so hard for us to understand, and so eazy for others, az that we hav fiddled our time out.=

Kindly yurs. Josh Billings

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Head and Face. ♈

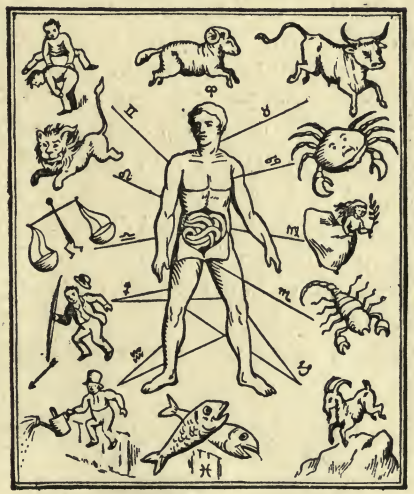
Arms. ♊

Heart. ♌

Reins. ♎

Thighs. ♐

Legs. ♒



Neck. ♉

Breast. ♋

Bowels. ♍

Secrets. ♏

Knees. ♑

Feet. ♓

DEAR FARMERS.

The abuv 12 sighns are now reddy for use, but don't plant korns when the sighn is in the feet, nor milk punch when the sighn is in the kneeze.

THE APPLE DUMPLIN.

The dumplin are about the natral size ov yure phist, made out ov dough, and filled with apples. They are served up hot, with sum sweet-tasteing liniment on them, and are az eazy to struggle with az a sugar-plum. They aint so good kold az they ought to be. Kold dumplin, and raw potatoe, eat similar. I never et apple dumplin yet, without thanking the Lord for that one, and the Landlady for another one. Four apple dumplins, at one sitting, iz just about mi size. I wish i knu who invented theze kind-hearted balls, i would like to weep over hiz memory. Punkin pi, and apple dumplin, hav dun az mutch to civilize man az enny two missionarys that hav ever lived. Good vittles iz next to good morals enny how. Yu may talk about virtew az mutch az yu pleze, yu kant never inokulate a man with virtew fust rate on an empty stummuk. Giv a man four apple dumplin, with sum good kind ov ointment on them, and after he haz et them, and they hav settled down to hard pan, yu kan krawl up to him on either side, with a dose of morality, or even sum new kind of sope, for taking spots out ov clothes.

A STATEMENT.

Thare iz nothing about a man that will outlast a nikname, it will stik to him, az long az a bobtale will to a dog.

Most people repent ov their sins bi thanking God they aint so wicked az their nabors.

HEAR THE PAPERS TALK!

We would rather be the author of Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax for 1875, than be elected captain of a malitia company.

Coonhollow Demokrat.

———o———

Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax for the year 1875, is just hatched out; it is like a Thanksgiving pudding, full of rich things; buy it, and set down in a corner, and read, and be happy once, if you never are again.

Boston Pilgrim.

———o———

We have a copy of Josh Billings' Allminax on tap, and draw sweet liquor from it each hour; no man can buy our copy, no man can borrow it, and he who steals it, will finally die.

New Orleans Budget.

———o———

Saw my right leg off, lift my scalp up, innoculate me with the contents of a six shooter, if Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax for 1875 aint the bullyest brick the civilized world has ever laid eyes on.

Texas Daily Bandit.

———o———

Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax is once more in our midst; like an oyster on the half shell, it can be took standing, sitting down, or on the run.

Lowell Examiner.

HONESTY.

Honesty iz like munny, a man haz got to work hard to get it, and then haz got to work harder to keep it. Honesty iz the best kard in the pak; it iz allwuss trumps, and thare iz no man big phool enuff but what he kan play it right every time. Honesty haz been praised more, and praktised less, than enny ov the virtews, but it stands in need ov no ones praise, and fears no ones rebuke. Honesty iz all the virtew that a man needs, and all that an angell haz. Honest men are skarse, and what i am afrade ov now iz, they are going to be skarser. From Adam's day to ours, and from now untill the judgement time, an *Honest man* haz been, and will be, "*The noblest work of God.*" Pope's deskripshun ov an honest man iz the simplest, and yet the strongest language, that ever haz been used.

A KARD.

A bizzy-body iz like a ritch cheeze,—full ov little things.

———o———

When a man aint good for ennything else, he iz just right to sett on a jury.

Q.—What's yure favourite piece ov skulpture?

Erly the Nuze Boy *crawls from hiz koal box,*
Tho sno on the hard ground may lay,
And skuds for the nuze paper offiss,
To get hiz supply for the day.

A.—The mile-stun nearest home.

		Billings Log.	*MORNIN GLORYS.*
1	F	Rather	
2	S	kold	
3	G	pepper sass	If i kant hav but two things on me that dont pinch, let it be mi shirt kollar, and mi boots.
4	M	invented 1632	
5	T	mutch kold	
6	W	now mangle	
7	T	wood	
8	F	sighns ov	
9	S	sno	
10	G	dont pik	
11	M	geese	Christians seem to fite under cover, but the devil stands boldly out, and dares the world to single kombat.
12	T	this month	
13	W	expekt sum	
14	T	weather	
15	F	hi tides	
16	S	now anihilate	
17	G	hogs	
18	M	more	Philosophy iz a kind ov severe sentinal, who locks up the harte, and throws the key away.
19	T	koldly	
20	W	Mike Tower	
21	T	died 1812	
22	F	prepare	
23	S	for sno	
24	G	dont	
25	M	plant enny	
26	T	corn this month	
27	W	dredphull chilly	A thoroly lazy man iz ded enuff to be buried, and his phuneral ought to be advertized at once.
28	T	now assassinate	
29	F	poultry	
30	S	go	
31	G	to bed arly	

GRIT.

Grit iz a good thing to hav, but yu dont want too mutch ov it. I hav known folks who had so mutch grit, that they didn't kno when they waz whipt. This dont pay. I like to see a man who aint afrade to fite a wind-mill, when she iz in phull blast, but i dont kare to see him do it, for a wind-mill iz a hard job to thrash, and they dont kno neither when they hav got enuff. Grit and spunk, are two twins, and their mother iz Courage, and their father iz Bravery. I have seen grit, and spunk, and even courage, that didn't hav a bit ov bravery in them. Bravery allwuss ackts from a principle. Grit may be rite, and may be rong. It aint very certain, or partiklar whitch. Gritty men aint allwuss luvly, they are too mutch like sandpaper to handle, allwuss reddy for a skratch. I like grit in everything, except mi hash, thare iz when i kant bear it. Giv every man yu meet a good big haff ov the turnpike, but if he insists upon the whole ov it, the religion ov the Billings family iz to arbitrate the kase at onst. If a man smotes yu on one cheek, turn him the other one if yu like, but dont let him smote that. This aint fair.

ARGUMENTS.

It iz az diffikult to define a sukcess, az it iz to ackount for the meazles.

———o———

Coquets make better wives than Prudes do, but thank the Lord, thare iz better ones in market than either ov them.

Q.—What's yure opinyun ov Kats?

A.—Poor.

Now having arrived at the offiss,
He goes in for nonsense, and noize,
And strives to git hold ov hiz papers,
Before the rest ov the boys.

♅	Ψ	*Billings Log.*
1	M	Kondem kold ⊕
2	T	♡ § now flies
3	W	♈ are still ♃
4	T	snow falls ♒ Ω ♊
5	F	♅ thare iz a ♓
6	S	divinity shapes ♨
7	G	♏ ♋ ♊ our ends
8	M	kold grows ♄
9	T	∴ ◎ kolder
10	W	≅ Bill Stevens ¶
11	T	♋ ◎ ♀ born 1306
12	F	now chew slapjax
13	S	‖§‖ ● low tides Ψ
14	G	sighn ov mutch [§§]
15	M	weather ☿ sun in
16	T	◎ apogee △ expekt
17	W	frosts ♎ about ♀
18	T	♋ theze days dont
19	F	plant onion seed ♂
20	S	[†] ♗ Sally Ann
21	G	Murdok died ♨
22	M	△ ✳ ⊙ kolder
23	T	Sally Ann waz a ♋
24	W	weaver ♊ sighns ov
25	T	♎ a thaux Sally Ann
26	F	weavered yarns ♐
27	S	♊ peace to our ashes
28	G	

HELIOTROPES.

When a woman wants enny-thing, she wants it with all her strength, and every boddy elses strength too.

Intelekt without judgement iz what ails about one halff the smart people in this world.

Thare aint bad luk in the whole world to ruin enny one man, not if he will fite it out on that line.

A fanatick iz the wust man we hav to kontend with, reazon haz no effekt on him, and it iz agin the law to klub him.

CHARITY.

Charity iz a blessed privilege; it lifts poor human natur up to the level ov the angells, and sheds the lite ov heaven on our pathway. It iz the most butiful ov all the impulses ov the heart, and the eazyest to execute. Thare iz not a thought that goes out kindly to welkum a child ov sorrow, but what iz kredited in the grate book ov everlasting life, under the head ov Charity. Thare iz not a gift, not even a kup of kold water, thare iz not a self sakrafice ov enny kind, thare iz not a virtewous wish, nor a kind hope, but what kan be kounted amung the jewels ov charity. Charity hath no markit-price here, nor hereafter, thare iz menny a penny in the grate box that will kount out brighter, at the last day, than enny dollar that iz thare. But thoze people who are the soonest to melt with charity, are often the soonest to freeze up,—i have seen them so fastidious that they couldn't meet an objikt ov charity, without plunging their hand into one pocket, and taking out a ten cent piece, put it right bak into the other, thus satisfying their charity, and saving their munny at the same time.

JESS SO.

All the philosophy in the world, wont make a hard trotting hoss ride eazy.

———o———

One ov the most unfortunate individuals i kno ov, iz a third-rate fiddler.

Q.—How's yure mother-in-law? ♃ ☊ ♋

Now having hiz merchandize purchased,
He's out in the sno, and the sleet,
And yells like a "brave" on the war path,
Az swiftly he runs thru the street.

A.—Helthy, i thank yu, how's yures? ♃ ♄ ⊕

♈	♎	*Billings Log.*
1	M	♊ ♋ Windy
2	T	winds ☉ ⊕ now
3	W	☉ ♁ dig out Ψ
4	T	woodchucks ☊
5	F	♈ ♁ expekt wind
6	S	Sam Davis born ☲
7	G	♌ 1632 ♄ more
8	M	wind ♎ Sam Davis
9	T	♈ ♈ was an ☉ ♃
10	W	operator ♄ ☿
11	T	Ψ ♏ look out for
12	F	wind ☻ ♓ ♒ Sam
13	S	≅ Davis operated
14	G	on hen roosts ‖ ☐
15	M	prepare for wind ♐
16	T	♅ ✳ now pay ♈
17	W	yure dets ☉ ♗
18	T	♁ windyness ♁ ⊕
19	F	prevails Φ ☊ ☲
20	S	♀ ☊ ☉ Adam
21	G	waz a weak ♊ ♎
22	M	♗ ♄ ♂ ¶ sister
23	T	mutch signs ♎ ♈
24	W	♉ ♈ ov wind
25	T	now sarch ♓ ♒
26	F	♈ Ω ☲ for hoss
27	S	radish ♐ ☐ ⊕
28	G	♏ ♓ more wind
29	M	tud-stools ♁ ♏
30	T	≅ diskovered 1283
31	W	

TULIPS.

A pedant iz one who over-estimates whatever he haz got, whether it be learning, munny, dri goods, or the rumatism.

—ꝏ—

I dont reckolekt ov ever doing ennything that i waz just a little ashamed ov, but what sum one waz sure to remember it, and every once in a while put me in mind ov it.

—ꝏ—

The most bitter kriticks we hav are those who hav failed themself to write ennything worth reading.

—ꝏ—

He who haz got nothing to do in this world but amuze himself, haz got the hardest job on hand i kno ov.

PUNKIN PI.

Punkin pi iz the sass ov Nu England. They are vittles and drink, they are joy on the haff-shell, they are glory enuff for one day, and are good kold or warmed up. I would like to be a boy again, just for sixty minnitts, and eat miself phull ov the blessed old mixtur. Enny man who dont luv punkin pi, wants watching cluss, for he means to do sumthin mean the fust good chance he kan git. Giv me all the punkin pi i could eat, when i waz a boy, and i didn't kare whether sunday-skool kept that day or not. And now that i hav grown up to manhood, and hav run for the legislature once, and only got beat 856 votes, and am thoroly marrid, thare aint nothing i hanker for wuss, and kan bury quicker, than two-thirds ov a good old-fashioned punkin pi, an inch and a halff thik, and well smelt up, with ginger and nutmeg. Punkin pi iz the oldest Amerikan beverage i kno ov, and ought to go down to posterity with the trade mark ov our grandmothers on it; but i am afrade it wont, for it iz tuff even now to find one that tastes in the mouth at all az they did 40 years ago.

REMARKS.

Noboddy really luvs to be cheated, but it duz seem az tho every one waz anxious to see how near they could cum to it.

———o———

The wust tyrant in the world iz the wife ov a henpekt husband.

Q.—What's yure favourite style of buty? ♓ ♑ ♊

"Er'es the Errald, Times, Sun, World, and Tribune,"
Iz the yung merchants ear piercing kry,
"Got the orfull smash up on the rale rode,"—
And a kuntryman stops him to buy.

A.—Mi mother's. ☿ ♂ ☯

♒	♓	*Billings Log.*	*PRIMROSES.*
1	T	Gentle showers ♉	About az low down az a man kan git, and not quite spile, iz to liv on his wife's reputashun.
2	F	♋ ♎ ♎ now ♡	
3	S	insert onion ♎ ♎	
4	G	♈ seed ♊ ☯	
5	M	☊ ☊ ♓ more rain	
6	T	♎ ✳ perpetual ♊	
7	W	moshun diskovered	
8	T	☯ ☊ 1832 ♆ ☯	
9	F	♓ ♍ more rain ♎	A good karakter is allwuss gained bi inches, but iz often lost in one chunk.
10	S	perpetual ☉ ☯	
11	G	☊ ☊ moshon ☯	
12	M	lost 1313 ☯ ☊	
13	T	♋ inkreasing ☯	
14	W	♎ ♀ wetness ♆	
15	T	now prospekt ☯ ♡	
16	F	♉ for dandylions ♊	
17	S	♍ ☯ Abner	To be strong a man should hav plenty ov friends, and plenty ov enemys—too menny friends weakens him, and too menny enemys makes him a vagabond.
18	G	Durham ♂ ♒	
19	M	♈ ♗ ♎ born 956	
20	T	expekt rain ☐ ☯	
21	W	♋ Abner Durham	
22	T	waz a ♂ ♉ ♎	
23	F	pedlar ♎ wet	
24	S	rain ☯ ☊ Abner	
25	G	☉ Durham [!!]	
26	M	peddled goose yokes	The man who haz sworn not to forgiv haz uttered the wust oath he kan take.
27	T	♄ rain ♎ ♉ luv me,	
28	W	luv ♀ mi ♐ dog	
29	T	♈ damp drizzles ♌	
30	F		

FUN.

Fun is the cheapest fisick that haz bin diskovered yet, and the eazyest to take. Fun pills are sugar coated, and no change ov diet iz necessary while taking them. A little fun will sumtimes go a grate ways, i hav known men to liv to a good old age on one joke, which they managed to tell az often az once a day, and do all the laffing themselves besides that waz done. But thare iz lots ov pholks who kant see enny phun in enny thing, yu couldn't fire a joke into them with a double barrell gun, 10 paces off, they go thru life az sollum az a cow. Menny people think it iz beneath their dignity to relish a joke, sutch people are simply fools, and dont seem to kno it. The Billings family are allwuss on the lookout for fun, it iz sed ov Dexter Billings, one ov our pristines, that he had to be kept under 500 dollar bonds all the time, to keep him from laffing in church. Ackordin to all ackounts this Dexter Billings waz a cuss. Fun iz the pepper and salt ov every day life, and all he really wiz men who hav ever lived, hav used it freely for seazoning.

HEAR YEE.

The man who kan set himself to work, at enny thing, on 5 minnitts notiss, haz got one of the best trades i kno ov.

———o———

Virtew that kant whip Vice, in a fair stand up fite, enny time, aint worth having.

Q.—What's yure favourite flower?

Another boy rushes to serve him,
But our hero wont stand it no how,
So he pockets the kuntryman's munny,
And fixes himself for a row.

A.—Buckwheat flour.

♌	♈	*Billings Log.*
1	S	Dandylions ♍
2	G	☿ are ⚹ here ♒
3	M	warm ☄ ☉
4	T	☾ and fine ●
5	W	⊕ ♒ tud-stools
6	T	hav arrived ♒ Ω
7	F	♁ ♎ it rains ♆
8	S	frogs hav ☾ ♋
9	G	☿ ☌ cum ☊
10	M	soft winds ♊ ☌
11	T	☄ ☍ the tax- ☿
12	W	gatherer puts ●
13	T	♨ ● in an ☿
14	F	appearanse ☄ ♊
15	S	♍ ♋ showery
16	G	now chuck ☻ ⊕
17	M	⚹ in gardin ♒
18	T	seeds □ ☍ ♈
19	W	☋ ☾ ● a butiful
20	T	day Φ ♨ Abram
21	F	Φ Barker elekted ♉
22	S	constable ⚳ Ω
23	G	Ψ ♅ ☉ kloudy
24	M	woman iz ♃ ♊
25	T	☍ a angell ♈
26	W	wind ♨ ♋ ☻
27	T	◐ southernly
28	F	now investigate ♍
29	S	♊ for hens eggs ¿?
30	G	quite wet ! !–! –!
31	M	

DAFFODILLS.

The man who haz got nothing to reckomend him but robust helth, and an excessiv flo ov animal spirits, iz az unplezant an assoshiate az a 4 year old kolt.

Genius seems to be the fakulty ov doing a thing excellently well, that noboddy supposed could be done at all.

Helth is like munny, we never hav a true idea ov its value untill we lose it.

The most dangerous person in this world, iz the one with the most tallent, and the least virtew.

EAZY BOOTS.

One ov the eazyest things in this world iz a loose boot, it iz just az eazy az falling oph from a log, when yu are fast asleep. The man who fust invented tite boots committed suiside, so i hav been told, this waz kind in the phellow. But if he had committed suiside before he had been born, it would hav been kinder still. Eazy boots are one ov the luxurys ov life, what the other luxurys are i dont kno, and dont kare. Enney man who kan wear a tite boot, and enjoy it, iz either a martyr, or a phool, it makes but little difference which. Tite boots produce korns, bunyons, and swareing, and thare iz only one thing kan be said in their favour, they make a man forgit all hiz other sorrows. An eazy boot will humanize a sinner faster than two mishionary kan. Vanity iz the Godfather ov tite boots, and just so long az men mistake a number eleven foot, for a number nine boot, just so long we shall see them limping around, with boots on two sizes too small. Next to a klear conshience, for solid cumfort, and every day wear, cums an eazy boot.

HITS.

After trieing for more than 35 years to hav mi own way in all things, i have finally cum to the konklushun, to split the difference.

———o———

Everyboddy seems to konsider himself a kind ov moral half bushel, to meazzure the worlds frailtys in.

Q.—What's yure favourite color? ♃ ♀ ☉

They "go in" like a pair ov yung tigers,
And neither seems anxious to stop,
Till they are suddenly brought to their senses,
By a vigilant, fierce-looking "cop."

A.—Blood bay. ♄ ♃

♒	♗	*Billings Log.*
1	T	♏ ♍ Wet rains
2	W	Abigail Fish ♒ ♏
3	T	♊ ● ♁ married
4	F	♢ 1756 ✳ ☻
5	S	warm heat ♂ ♎
6	G	♋ now ho ◎
7	M	gardens ♈ · ♅
8	T	♛ ♌ expekt
9	W	thunder ● ♗
10	T	♓ ☄ hot ♒
11	F	rains ♋ ● ♆
12	S	☉ ♂ now hunt
13	G	for musketoes ⊕
14	M	♂ ♃ perhaps ◐
15	T	rain, ◎ ♁ △
16	W	♏ perhaps not
17	T	☒ now kast ♌
18	F	yure bread ◎ ♞
19	S	♌ ♀ on the ☉
20	G	waters ♢ ♈
21	M	♋ sighns ov ♂
22	T	litening ♀ ♌ ⛵
23	W	✳ now fish ♐ ♂
24	T	for frogs ♍ ♈
25	F	♈ ♂ it iz hotter
26	S	♏ ♀ ♢ ⛵ Andrew
27	G	♒ ♀ Jackson iz no
28	M	more ♊ it raineth
29	T	♀ ♀ so beets ♁ ☿
30	W	

HYACINTHS.

I hav made up mi mind that human hapness konsists in having a good deal to do, and then keep a doing it.

Vanity iz az common to the human family, az fleas iz to a dog, and makes them just about az oneazy.

The man who kant enjoy ennything but flattery, iz az bad oph az the one who kant drink ennything but whiskey.

A true friend iz one who aint afrade to tell yu ov yure faults.

WOMAN.

Woman iz the glass ware ov kreashun. She iz luvly, and brittle, but she haz run up everything we really enjoy in this life from 25 cents on the dollar to par. Adam, without Eve, would hav been az stupid a game az playing checkures alone. Thare haz been more butiful things sed in her praze than thare haz ov enny other animate thing, and she is worthy ov them all. She is not an angell tho, and i hope she wont never go into the angell bizzness. Angells on earth dont pay. The only mistake that woman haz ever made iz to think she iz a better man than Adam.

Adam iz captin, and i am reddy to admit, that he iz often a dreadphull poor one too. Woman iz the power behind the throne, she holds all the best playing kards in the pak, and her own good sense ought to teach her not to be in enny hurry to play them. I hav allwus sed, and i beleaf it still, that the time to be karfullest iz when you hav a hand phull ov trumps.

PRIVATE SENTIMENTS.

If i had 75 children i would be sure and learn 60 ov them to allwus shut the door after them when they went out, and i wouldn't kare whether the other 15 ever learnt mutch or not.

———o———

Yung man, yu better be honest than cunning, and it iz hard work to be both.

Q.—Who's yure favourite proze author? ♃ ♀ ♆

He takes them away to the stashun,
Whare both are krestfallen and meek,
And after a lektur on fiteing,
The kids are discharged by the "beak."

A.—Noah Webster. ♂ ♀ ☿

☉	*	*Billings Log.*
1	T	Expekt grate ♋ ♅
2	F	♂ ♀ hotness
3	S	♈ now snaix ♓
4	G	● are ⊕ slippery □
5	M	thunder ☍ ♂
6	T	☊ ☋ mixt with
7	W	☗ ♄ litening ☍ ♈
8	T	Hank Ketchum ♈
9	F	♂ ☊ ♈ born 1802
10	S	☊ ∧ ♂ hotter ♈ ☊
11	G	Hank Ketchum ♂
12	M	waz single △ ☍
13	T	☿ ☋ more hotly
14	W	Hank ♂ ♀ ☋
15	T	⚹ ♂ Ketchum
16	F	☡ parted hiz ◍
17	S	hare in the ☄ ♂
18	G	♂ ☍ middle
19	M	sum ☍ ♅
20	T	♅ ☊ litening ☡
21	W	about theze ≅
22	T	V ☡ daze ::
23	F	□ mad dogs ♂
24	S	☋ heard ov (o)
25	G	[¦¦¦] ☍ less hot
26	M	now destroy Ψ ♃
27	T	♈ grass for hay Σ
28	W	sighns ov thunder ♃
29	T	Ξ Ψ Σ honesty iz
30	F	the best policy Ψ ♃
31	S	

TUBE ROSES.

He who expekts to be praized every time he duz a virtewous thing will soon git tired ov the bizzness.

When people loze their property they generally loze everything else, in the estimashun ov the world, except their faults and vices.

It iz the eazyest thing in natur to be honest, but most men make dredphull hard work ov it.

A good deal ov buty, and a good deal ov sense, are seldum found together.

POLITENESS.

What a man kant win in this world bi politeness aint worth having. Politeness iz just as natrul az fun iz, and iz the cheapest way to git a living i kno ov. It haz made more friends than enny thing else ever haz, and haz kept them longer. It dont kost enny more to be polite than it duz to be happy, and enny man iz a phool who kant be either, if he iz a mind to. I hav known it to sukceed whare every thing else had failed, and i never knu it to fail, whare it undertook to sukceed. It iz az eazy to apply az the "poor mans plaster," and it will allwus stik whare it iz stuk. Next to honesty, politeness iz queen bee in the hive, and the man who iz thoroly honest and thoroly polite, haz nothing to fear, or hope for. Politeness, without honesty, iz a good deal risky, but sumtimes the wust we kan call it iz, "a pleazant fraud."

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2 *FAKTS.*

The best abuzed woman ov the 19th century iz the average mother in law.

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One ov the most perfekt viktorys yu kan achieve over enny man, iz to beat him in politeness.

Q.—What's yure favourite perfume? ☐ ♀ ♃

At liberty now out they skamper,
But before their days work they renew,
Our hero remarks to hiz rival,
" Tommorow, I'll take kare ov yu."

A.—Modesty. ⊕ ♄ ♂

♅	♋	*Billings Log.*	*CARNASHUNS.*
1	G	Big heat ♘ now	When the vice and virtew in a man iz about haff and haff, he wants az mutch cluss watching az a bile duz when it iz cumming to a hed.
2	M	♐ hunt ♃ for cool	
3	T	places ♂ thunder ♃	
4	W	♑ and litening ♃	
5	T	mixt ♇ salamanders	
6	F	♃:♈ diskovered 849	
7	S	heat waxes ♈ ♎	
8	G	◐ in Adam's sin ☯	
9	M	● we all jined in ⊕	
10	T	expekt sudden ♅ ♉	
11	W	♋ ♆ rain about	
12	T	theze daze ♆ ♅	We are allwuss sure to think just az other pholks do, provided they think just az we do.
13	F	Phil Sherman ♅ ♓	
14	S	△ ♄ born 1756	
15	G	☠ ♐ ☻ heat	
16	M	grows ♋ ♃ ♆	
17	T	♇♋ heaty ♆♅	
18	W	Phil Sherman ♅ ♇	
19	T	♏ ♂ ☿ waz a	
20	F	hard-shell ♆ ♋	Make yureself necessary yung man, and yure suckcess iz sertain.
21	S	⊕ babtist ♀	
22	G	♋ whew! ♆	
23	M	how ♗ ♌ ♋	
24	T	♐ ☞ ♌ hot	
25	W	it am ♀ ☿ ♗	
26	T	☻ ♍ now ♋ ♌	
27	F	dig ☯ ♊ ♈	
28	S	♒ ♅ ♂ for ice	Everyboddy applauds a virtewous ackshun, even the Devil himself admires it.
29	G	bileing ☠ ♌ ♋	
30	M	● ≅ hot ♈ ♋	
31	T		

EGG NOGG.

Thare iz no fluid known to mortal man, that haz got more bakbone, and less tangle leg, in a quart ov it, than good, old 1776, Egg Nogg. Our grand dads drank it fluently, and thankt the Lord, az it meandered sloly down their thruts. It iz bilt out ov sider, and fresh egg, and iz az phull ov fun, and innosense, az a kittens tail. Enny man who haz moral skruples about drinking a glass ov fresh made egg nogg, had better git hiz morality insured aginst acksidents at once, for he iz in danger ov having hiz morality kompletely eradikated from the face ov the earth. Morality that kant stand egg nogg, iz a weak sister. I luv egg nogg, and hope i allwuss shall. I kant tell yu now when egg nogg waz fust diskovered, nor who the lucky kritter waz who fust found it out, but i would giv 15 dollars at least to know that it waz one ov mi ansesstors. I am orphull proud ov the anshunt Billing'es and enny glory that fluktuates around them, kind ov circumambiates around me. This may look like weakness in me, but it iz natur, and i dont beleav in allwuss snubbing natur. I say let yure natur kind ov go it, onst in a while.

SUM OPINYUNS.

Mi experience in life thus far haz been, that 7, wont go into 5, and hav mutch ov ennything left over.

———o———

I hav herd lies so well told that a man would allmost be a phool not to beleave them.

Q.—What's yure favourite amuzement? ♄ ♋ ♒

He meets with a smooth faced old villain,
Who ov a bad stamp would git free,
But the boy twiddles hiz fingers, and sez,
"Yu kant kum that ere over me."

A.—Sleeping. ☉ ♓ ☉

☉	☽	*Billings Log.*	*SWEET WILLIAMS.*
1	W	♈ ♃ Mild ♎ ♌	Bashfullness iz often like the plating on spoons, when it wears off, it shows the brass.
2	T	and slik ♈ ♌ ♎ §	
3	F	Zip Coon ♂ [§]	
4	S	♈ ♑ died 1822	
5	G	♋ tender ♦ ♦	
6	M	winds ♈ ♏ ♈	
7	T	♎ ♨ Zip waz	
8	W	a coloured ♋ ♏	
9	T	§.*.‖ brother ♨	Lerning pays a better interest than munny duz, besides the prinsipal never gits lost.
10	F	mello rain ♨ ♌	
11	S	♂ ♎ put not yure	
12	G	trust in ♨ ♐	
13	M	♐ ♈ members ov	
14	T	♍ ♈ the legislatur	
15	W	more mello ♦ ♌	
16	T	rain ♦ ♐ now	
17	F	♉ consume ♂	Abuv all things, lern yure child to be honest and industrious; if theze two things dont enable him to make a figger in this world, he iz only a cypher, and never waz intended for a figger.
18	S	♦ ♀ ♦ oysters	
19	G	perhaps rain, ♨ ♃	
20	M	♏ ♎ perhaps not	
21	T	go slo ♂ ♃ ♦	
22	W	♌ expekt frost ♋	
23	T	♀ □ now hunt	
24	F	for fleas ♂ ♆ ♎	
25	S	♊ ♂ frost last ♦ ♂	
26	G	night * ♈ ♎	It iz so natral to phind fault, that i wonder we are ever suited with ennything.
27	M	♋ fleas are quicker	
28	T	than a ghost ♌ ♦	
29	W	♨ mild, but butiful	
30	T		

FAITH.

Faith iz the right bower ov hope. If it want for faith thare would be no living in this world, we couldn't even eat hash with enny safety. Human knolledge iz very short, and dont reach but a little ways, and even that little ways iz twilite, but faith lightens up the road, so that we kan see to read the letterings on the mile stuns az we travel. Faith has won more viktorys than all the other pashuns ov the harte put together, for faith iz one ov them kind ov warriors that dont kno when she is whipt. But faith iz no milk sop, but a live fighter, she dont set down and gro stupid with resignashun, and git weak with the buty ov her attributes, but she is the heroine ov a forlorn hope. I think now if i couldn't hav but one ov the moral attributes i would take it all in Faith, and tho i mite make sum fust rate blunders, i would do a rushing bizzness amung the various kinds ov dri bones that iz lieing around loose in the world. Faith haz allwus been one ov the best holts ov the Billings family, from the daze ov Noah, down to now.

HOW IZ THIS?

Experience ackts on sum pholks vitals just az it duz on a bull tarrier, he dont fairly git over one whipping before he begins to look around for another.

———o———

The vulgar allwuss notiss everything they see.

Q.—Who's yure favourite painters? ♋ ♁ ♊

Having sold out hiz papers, our hero,
To some cheap hash hous skampers away,
And after he calls for hiz luncheon,
He reckons his gains for the day.

A.—Sunrize and sunset. ♌ ♏ ♓

♅	♄	*Billings Log.*	*DAISYS.*
1	F	‡§‡ October haz :::	It waz a wize phello who put on hiz spektickles when he et strawberrys, it made a pint go az fur az a quart.
2	S	☞ 31 days ☜	
3	G	and ♋ ♁ nights	
4	M	♎ stiff weather ♋	
5	T	now mutilate ♌ ♈	
6	W	♂ ♀ apples for sider	
7	T	● sharp □ frost ♦	
8	F	about ♄ now ☿ ♄	
9	S	♂ ♓ Fred Simmons	
10	G	♏ born ◐ 1694 ☉	
11	M	leaves fall △ ✳ ♌	To lie about a man never hurts him, but to tell the truth about him sumtimes duz.
12	T	≅ ≅ Fred Simmons	
13	W	played the ♌ △ ♁	
14	T	♈ ♃ bass drum	
15	F	expekt ♋ ♯ §	
16	S	‖ ♨ ♋ sno	
17	G	☿ ♏ now ♁	
18	M	slaughter ♂ ♅	
19	T	● ♅ cockroaches	
20	W	kondem ♊ ♐ ☉	When the weather fair iz everyboddy haz got an umbreller to lend.
21	T	♌ chilly ♏	
22	F	man iz ♈ ♎	
23	S	♋ ♃ mortal ♈	
24	G	sighns ♎ ♀ ♂	
25	M	♓ ♐ ov ♀ ♀	
26	T	♈ ♨ winter	
27	W	the bull ♄ ♀	
28	T	♈ frog iz hush ♂	The man who seeks temtashun must either be an angell or a phool,—probably a phool.
29	F	pear ☉ apples ♀	
30	S	♀ ♄ ♊ nites ♂	
31	G		

EKONEMY.

Ekonemy iz the art ov allwuss gitting the worth ov yure munny, and gitting the right change bak, and it iz also the art ov making 10 cents, once in a while, go az fur az a shilling. It iz like an ear fur musik, it has got to be born the same time yu are, or not at all. Yu kant larn an extravagant person to be ekonomikal enny more than yu kan learn a muskeeter to quit eating, when he haz got enuff. Thiz iz funny, but it iz too true to laff at. Ekonemy iz the mother-in-law ov Prosperity, and she iz one ov them kind ov mother-in-laws that never made enny disturbanse in the family. Ekonemy haz made more munny in this world than spekulashun ever haz, and thare iz another thing about it, she allwuss hangs on to it. Thare iz only one trubble about ekonemy, it sumtimes runs into avarice, and then all itz buty iz destroyed. It iz better to be a spendthrift, than a mizer. The Billings family hav allwuss bin noticed in history for their ekonemy. Jericho Billings, one ov our primevals, kept the same pair ov boots 26 years, but he wore out 9 souls, and 5 pairs ov upper leathers in the meantime.

HARK!

Cunning men are like a hand saw,—they only hav teeth on one side ov them.

———o———

Next in point ov meanness, to doing a man an injury, iz to do him a favour, and every now, and then, remind him ov it.

Q.—What's yure idea ov happiness? ☿ ☉ ♅

After greedily eatin his luncheon,
He lies bak and snoozes a bit,
And when nite cums you'll find him enjoying,
A seat in the Bowery pit.

A.—Tite gluvs, and cazy boots. ♃ ♀ ♌

⊕	♗	*Billings Log.*	*SNO DROPS.*
1	M	!!!! Winter howls	Gossip iz more ketching than the meazles iz.
2	T	let her ♈ ♈	
3	W	♗ ♓ howl ♄	
4	T	♂ who ♊ kares	
5	F	grate sno ♗ ♓	
6	S	☉ Mrs. Stebbins	
7	G	died 1818 ♄ ♋	
8	M	♃ ☿ bitter	The covetous man iz like a sponge, it takes in all the moisture that cums near it, but lets out none until it iz squeezed.
9	T	kold ♂ ♂ ♀	
10	W	♅ Mrs. Stebbins	
11	T	took snuff ♗ ♉	
12	F	● ♎ ♌ 62 years	
13	S	more kold ⊕ ♒	
14	G	♂ now mastikate	
15	M	⊕ slapjax ♈ ☿	Thare iz a grate menny ginger-pop people in this world, after they hav bin uncorked a fu minnitts, they git to be dredphul flatt.
16	T	it freezes ♂ when	
17	W	◐ the kat iz ♒ △	
18	T	away, the mice ♈	
19	F	will play △ ground	
20	S	froze up ♉ ♓	
21	G	now hire ♅ ♂	
22	M	♉ ♃ skool moms	
23	T	♏ sno a ♀ ♒	
24	W	foot deep ♑ ♃	The quickest way to take the starch out ov a man who iz allwuss blameing himself, iz to agree with him, this aint what he iz looking for.
25	T	● ♎ ♋ babes in	
26	F	the woods ♋ ♀	
27	S	♎ ◐ lost 1614	
28	G	winter iz ♐ ♑ ♏	
29	M	♉ □ here ☿ ♗	
30	T		

HAM, AND EGG.

Thare are certain things in this world that seem just az tho they waz born for each other, and ham, and egg, are two ov them things. Altho they cum from quite different lokalitys, they must be twins, for they are so often seen together. If i kan hav all the ham, and egg i want, kodphish bawls may tak a bak seat for the present. Vittles and drink hav allwuss been a staple artikle with human natur, and when they play out, i am reddy to quit. Sum pholks are so etherial that they kan liv on the smell ov biled kabbage, but i must hav a chunk ov the kabbage. Pholks may talk about ambrozial nektar az mutch az they pleze, they kant phool me with enny ov thoze kind ov essences, for i hav lived just long enuff to find out, that the best ov society, hav got to hav their biled vittles, kind ov reglar, even if they tak them on the sli, or they will soon peg out. Natur is natur, and she will hav her ham, and egg. Natur iz a little raw once in a while, but she allwuss stands up for her rights, and tho yu may defraud her, yu kant kompromise with her. Ham, and egg, was a bevarage long before Noahs freshet.

TAKE NOTISS.

Good breeding makes all kondishuns ov life equal.

———o———

Anger allwus hurts us more than it duz the other phellow which we git mad at.

Q.—Who's yure favourite heroine in romanse? ♂ ⊕

When the sensashun drama is ended,
Our hero remembers with pain,
That the plezzures ov life are but fleeting,
And he goes for hiz koal box again.

A.—Old Mother Hubbard. ♋ ♅ ♒

☿	♏	*Billing's Log.*	*TIGER LILYS.*
1	W	December ♋	Thare iz in sum men a grate
2	T	hath 31 daze ♂ ♂	deal ov humor, that iz like the
3	F	♂ □ sum kold ♋ ♋	frolik in a puppy, dont mean
4	S	now arouze ♓ ☉	ennything in purtikular.
5	G	≅ ☽ ♈ fires	
6	M	merkury 10 belo ♂	
7	T	♈ a spri sixpence	
8	W	● iz better than ♀	
9	T	a ♑ lazy Ω dime	
10	F	immense sno △ ☿	
11	S	♂ ♐ now pay	Thare iz nothing we are more
12	G	the printer ♎ ♎	apt to parade before others, than
13	M	♗ Sister Perkins ≅	our kares and sorrows, and thare
14	T	born 1500 ♄ ♋	iz nothing the world kares so lit-
15	W	more ♋ ♒ ♋	tle about.
16	T	♏ koldness ♂	
17	F	Sister Perkins ♊	
18	S	☉ waz a femail ♉	
19	G	lekturer ♈ kold	
20	M	♈ increases ●	
21	T	Sister Perkins ♀	
22	W	lektured ¶ her ✳	Reason often makes mistakes,
23	T	☉ husband nites ♏	but conshience never duz.
24	F	dreary winter ⊕ ♑	
25	S	♃ ♎ ♎ iz here	
26	G	farewell my ♊ △	
27	M	♈ ● darlings ≅	
28	T	look for ☽ ♏	
29	W	□ (!) me next	
30	T	year ††† .·-.·	A blush kant be kounterfited.
31	F		

THE PISSMIRE.

The pissmire iz a blak bugg about 23 times az big az the ant, and az phull ov important bizzness az the chairman ov a wimmins rights convenshun. They hav thirteen konsekutive leggs on each side ov their boddys, and allwuss travel on the run. They are like sum men, ever hunting for sumthing to do, but never was known to find it. I hav seen them travel for two hours, bakwards, and forwards, and not git 3 feet from whare they started from, stopping every now and then to listen. The pissmire iz the loafer amung bugs, and like other loafers, livs from hand to mouth. Their home iz a hole in the ground, but call on them az often az yu pleze, yu will never find them in. They git up late, and go to bed late, and are allwuss hungry, and hollow. They are az lazy az mollassis in the month ov Febuary, and az useless az an extra dog in a family. Pissmires are a poor speculashun, i wouldn't giv 50 cents for the whole krop.

REFLECKSHUNS.

If yu are going to giv a man enny thing giv it to him cheerfully, and quick, dont make him git down on hiz kneeze in front ov yu, and listen to the 10 commandments, and then yu giv him 5 cents.

———o———

The man who is allwuss confessing hiz sins, and never quitting them, iz the most onsartin sinner i kno ov.

If a yung man haint got
a well ballanced hed, i
like to see him part his
hair in the middle.=
Yours, Josh Billings

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To find out whare the sighn iz,—
Ask the man at the wheel.

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Conjunckshun, or epakt,	20	Lunar Cycle, or golden number,	17
Dominicial letter,	B	Solar Quartile,	90
Sextile Opposishun,	180	Julian Period,	394256
Roman Indiction,	9	Trine, or northern node,	63
Apogee.		Perigee.	

THE GORRILLA.

The gorrilla iz a free-born citizen ov Western Afrika, and in point ov intilekt, averages well with the rest ov the natives. They are about 5 foot 3 in hight, and hav got a sanguine temper, wuss than a fish womans. I never saw but one gorrilla, and he waz not filled with life, but waz filled with straw. I dont want to see another, it weakens mi respekt for mi ansesstors. They are four legged, and kan walk purpendikular, or horizontal, but when they do walk uprite, they are the wust looking relashuns we hav. They liv alone, and are more terrible in a ruff and tumble fite, than enny person that livs. I hav allwuss wondered whi sum one didn't import one into this country, and match him for 2 thousand dollars to fite in a ring. I am oppozed to ring battles, but when this skirmish takes place, i want to be there, and bet my patrimony on to the gorrilla. May the best man win. The gorrilla haz a good appetight, for one that haint been kultivated, and will eat enny thing he kan ketch, from a coloured brother to an anakondy. The gorrilla iz no doubt good for sumthing, but what that iz i kant tell, nor dont want to know. Farewell yu auphull, ugly, mizerable kuss.

The end ov the gorrilla.

WEIGH.

The devil holds poor kards, but he allwuss plays them mighty well.

———o———

A man with a very small hed iz like a pin without enny, very apt to git into things beyond hiz depth.

WHAT THE PAPERS THINK.

Josh Billings' Farmer's "Allminax" has come again, it is as welcome, and genial, as dew to the parched earth.—*London Speckletator.*

———o———

It is joy for the fireside, it is rest for the weary.—*Newburyport Guardian.*

———o———

Fresher, fairer, more fertile, and funny than ever, may its sweet face look in upon us for all time, delightfull Josh Billings' "Allminax," record of the past, bright promise of the future.—*Savannah Amarinth.*

———o———

How crisp! how tart!—*London Queen.*

———o———

Josh Billings' Farmer's "Allminax" is a bright jewel in the current literature of the day.—*Louisville Dispatch.*

———o———

Bless the dear little waif, we love it, and who shall chide us for loveing!—*Lady's Journal.*

———o———

We have received Mr. Joshua Billings' Farmer's "Allminax" for 1876, and shall notice its contents at our very earliest convenience.—*Edinburgh Review.*

———o———

It's a square deal, chuncky and smart.—*Texas Blade.*

THE DONKEY.

I hav watched the donkey with a grate deal ov pashunt anxiety. They are about 3 foot hi, and sumthing like three foot six inches lengthwize. They hav a normal appetight, and will eat all the time, and more too. They aint partikular about their vittles, and will tri hard to swallo a hoss shu, but they kant do it. The donkey iz one ov naturs jokes, a sort ov pun on a horse, which i could never see the point to. They are az sett in their ways, az a gate post, and are the only live things that are too mutch for a klub. They will stand more pounding than a sheaf ov wet oats, without shelling out. The donkey haz 2 ears, and only 1 tale, and the ears are to the rest ov their boddy, like two steeples to a church. The donkey iz a sober, and misterious kuss. Fairwell yu sad, and thinking kritter, i may never again rite yure memoirs, but whether I dont, or do, I shall allways respekt yu, az a donkey, that's all. Az a cluss studdy, the donkey iz az full ov interest, az a mile stun, with the letterings all worn oph. Donkeys will liv forever, or thareabouts, and retain their buty, and intelligence to the last. Adew you graven image, you solid one, adew!

PONDER.

To lie about a man never hurts him, but to tell the truth about him sumtimes duz.

———o———

I think it iz good taste, and also good judgement, when a man prays for the sins ov the people, that he should count himself in.

31 Days. **JANUARY.** 1876.

Q.—Who iz the meanest man?

A.—He who peeks thru a key hole.

John Simpson waz a bachelor
Ov forty, perhaps ov forty-three,
With the dispepshy onto him,
Wuss than enny man yu ever see.

△	⊙	*Short Fakts.*	*STROKE OARS.*
1	S	Mutch kold	Pashunce iz a good thing for a man to hav, but when he haz got so mutch ov it, that he kan fish all day, over the side of a boat, without enny bait on hiz hook, lazyness iz what's the matter ov him.
2	G	mares nest	
3	M	diskovered 1810 §	
4	T	now keep cool ‖	
5	W	△ Ben Butler	
6	T	iz a lawyer Φ	
7	F	less koldly	
8	S	sarch *** for Ω	
9	G	ice ≅ expekt	
10	M	sum ● □	
11	T	inkrease Ω Σ ov	
12	W	† weather § * §	
13	T	Flora Temple ≅	Pills will sumtimes refuze to akt on the liver, but sawing wood never will.
14	F	¶ × could +	
15	S	trot fast §	
16	G	more koldfull !	
17	M	Job Perkins †	
18	T	* kreated *	
19	W	△ 1264 × (Ω)	When i waz 20 i knew twice az mutch az i do now, and the way things are going on, if i should liv to be 75, i dont expekt to kno nothing.
20	T	kold rather ¶	
21	F	waxes	
22	S	⊙ Job	
23	G	Perkins Ψ	
24	M	‖ Φ loved	
25	T	onions ¶	
26	W	!! now is the !!	
27	T	winter ov □ Σ	Thare iz no radikal kure for lazyness, but starvashun will cum the nearest to it.
28	F	‖ ‖ our diskontent	
29	S	† ‡ examine * | *	
30	G	+ yure geese	
31	M		

THE VEGATABEL BITTERS MAN.

Whenever a man gits ded broke, and kant think ov nothing to raze a breeze with, and hiz uncle wont hav him boarding at hiz house enny more, and the heels ov hiz boots hav knawed the bottom ov his pantaloons all off, he takes rubarb root, and a fu katnip blossoms, and sum tan bark, and sokes them for 14 hours in sum cheap whiskey, and goes hedlong into the liver renovating bizzness. He plasters every fence, saw mill log, stun wall, and cow's back, from Portland Maine to Stockton Californy, with red, and yello hand bills, offering to heal the halt, make the blind talk, and the deaf see, and renew the inside, and outside, ov all kreashun, for a dollar and twenty five cents a bottle. He takes rooms at sum fust klass hotel, drives 8 in hand, and never iz seen, only on the jump. He iz az full ov bizzness az a deputy superintendant ov a Sunday skool, on a piknik day, and call on him when yu will, to kollekt yure little bill ov 7 dollars, he haz just left for Baltimore, or wont be home from Nu Orleans, untill week after next. Theze men are not all ov them unskrupulous, they are kunning kritters, who hav found out, that mankind to be happy, must be cheated.

PAUZE.

It iz the prudes in this world that need the most watching, coquets are too kareless to be dangerous.

———o———

Most men are like a hop vine, if they dont hav sum kind ov a pole to klimb, and then stik to it, they wont promulgate mutch hops.

Q.—Please define old bachelors.

A.—Pickled Krabs.

Sum friend told John to travel,
Twelve miles on the jump each day,
Before he et enny brekfasst,
And not loiter upon the way.

		Short Fakts.	*FIGGER HEDS.*
1	T	Dern kold ♋ the	Kats are very humble, espeshily just after they hav committed sum nu kind ov deviltry.
2	W	kockroach haz no	
3	T	sting ☞ prepare	
4	F	for more —‖—	
5	S	≅ ♋ weather	
6	G	Bonaparte fit ‡—‡	
7	M	§ for a living :‖:	
8	T	sighns * ov * wind	The man who iz allwuss trieing to kreate a sensashun, will git so pretty soon, that he kant kreate even a disturbance.
9	W	now sing sams	
10	T	Jake ⌐¬ Turner	
11	F	departed △ 1830	
12	S	Ω ω̃ snowy ‖‡‖	
13	G	Jake Turner Ψ Σ	
14	M	!–?–! waz a ∽∽ **	
15	T	c–o–n–s–t–a–b–l–e	
16	W	⌐it duz ¶ snow¬	If yu want to git a fust klass situashun in sum alms house, giv all yure property to yure children before yu die.
17	T	⬭ ☽ now	
18	F	slay hogs :():	
19	S	⚒ [] for pork	
20	G	lessly —!!— cold	
21	M	Washington ⚒	
22	T	♋ [::] could §··§	
23	W	♋ not lie ♏ wind	Thare's lots ov men in this world that are like a rooster, take the cockade, and spurs off from them, and yu couldn't hardly tell them from a hen.
24	T	more fluktuous	
25	F	expekt visitors ☽	
26	S	≈ snow—squally	
27	G	now m ı nch ‖⌣‖	
28	M	▫ Ω ♈ slapjax	
29	T		

THE KROW.

I hav written sevral very poplar obituary notisses ov the krow, but find that i hav stated a good deal about them that wazn't jist so, and left unsed mutch that waz true. The krow iz az cunning az a Tombs lawyer, and just about az mutch ov a ded beat. Yu kant ketch one in a trap, and if you should, yu could not bile one in a pot, soft enuff to eat, in 3 weeks. A tame krow, and a civilized injun, may be a moral triumph on the face ov it, but when yu cum to examine the other side ov it, yu will find that yu hav overdid the bizzness. If all the krows, and injuns, in this world were tame and, civilized, yu could bid fairwell to all other manuel, and mental labor, and spend all yure time, and talents, studying the pesky, infernal kritters. Krows assemble in the fall ov the year, 30 thousand ov them, or more, in council, and appoint their deakons for the following year. At this grate kawkuss, rezolushuns ov a inflamitory natur are passed, daming the farmers for putting up skare krows in the kornfields, plans are laid for next years stealings, and each krow swopping wives, the meeting disseminates, and the krows fli away.

HOLD!

Dont keep but one dog, no one but a pauper kan afford to keep three.

———o———

If yu are going to make amuzements a stiddy bizzness, ketching flies iz az good az enny.

Q.—What are bording-houses?

John heard next that dieting,
Waz the only thing 'twould kure him,—
Liv on a jill of soup a day,
And they offered to insure him.

A.—Asylums for cockroaches.

		Short Fakts.	FRONT TEETH.
1	W	Windy ♌ winds △	Wize men sumtimes bild air kastles just for the fun ov the thing, it iz only the phools who bild them, and then undertake to liv in them.
2	T	♀ Congress gits	
3	F	together ♋ [♈	
4	S	now ♑ look out	
5	G	♂ ○ for wind	
6	M	watch hens ♒ ●	
7	T	♊ for eggs ◐	
8	W	☺ wind more ☹ so	
9	T	Frank Dutcher	
10	F	appeared 1742 ♀	
11	S	☽ wind howls ☹	
12	G	♎ ♨ Frank ⊕ ♉	
13	M	D–u–t–c–h–e–r	
14	T	≅ ♏ waz ♁ ♐ a	I hav seen folks who waz violently oppozed to gambling, simply bekauze they had found out that they couldn't win.
15	W	failure ♐ ~ ♏	
16	T	wind ♀ shouts	
17	F	♃ now ! ask ✳	
18	S	k!o!n!u!m d!r!u!m!s	
19	G	♂ ☿ windy ♗ ♠	
20	M	William ≅ Penn	
21	T	♈ ♯ waz a ♉ ☿	I notiss one thing, when a man stubs his toe he cussess all kreashun fust, then the toe, but never himself.
22	W	quaker ♉ ▫ ☽	
23	T	♒ wind △	
24	F	frackshus ¶ Φ ☁	
25	S	☞ now hunt	
26	G	weazels ● ♑ ▭	
27	M	♒ wind ☽	
28	T	more south ::	Dont change yure bait mi boy, if yu are ketching fish with angle worms—stik to the worms.
29	W	♈ ♋ ♏ than it	
30	T	(w) (a) (z) ● ♈	
31	F		

THE KROTON BUG.

The kroton bug are dirty blak kusses, without enny pedigree, and ov no more use than an extra fli in a plate ov soup. They hang around wet and damp places, and are all the time either going in, or comeing out, ov every krak in that naborhood. Thare iz no begining, nor end, to their number, and if yu bore a hole with a gimblet, enny whare near a plug basin, the next day the krotons will be az thick around it, az tho a nu 3 cent gin mill had just been opened thare. What they liv on no naturalist knows, or dassent tell, and yu kant git rid ov them, enny more than you kan skare the flies out ov a sugar hogshed, by hollering at them. They are allwuss on the move like a grasshopper, but what they are about, or would like to hav, they kant even tell them selfs. Thare iz a powder advertized which they say will klean the kroton bugs all out ov the house in 4 days. I am no gambler, but i will give the powder 7 days the start, and then bet on the bugs. Thare is only one sure way to git the krotons out ov a house, burn up the house and let a strong east wind blo the ashes away.

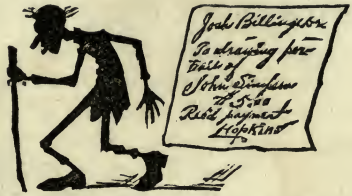
DWELL.

The devil allwuss keeps the gide boards that lead to hiz dominions, fresh painted, and in good order.

———o———

I never knu a man yet who waz allwuss watching hiz helth, to die enny whare near az soon az he expekted to.

Q.—Define a pig. ♏ ● ✳



For two years John lived on nothing,
And walkt like a ghost on a raid,
'Till he lookt like the piktur abuv,
Which kost us a "V" to hav made.

A.—Pork in pantaletts. ♗ ♞ ♯

☉	⊕	*Short Fakts.*	*HED LIGHTS.*
1	S	☉ ♗ It rains ♒ ♋	Dont never trust a man at the rate ov 50 cents on a dollar,—if yu kant konfide in him at par, let him slide.
2	G	bright ♚ and ♀	
3	M	butiful ☉ let	
4	T	☽ ☊ her rain □ ♠	
5	W	now stik in lettiss	
6	T	♍ sum ♏ ♚ more ○	
7	F	☊ rain ♞	
8	S	now ⊕ the ♗ frog	
9	G	♯ squeals a wet ✳	
10	M	♘ day ♕ ♉ ⊕	
11	T	Joab ¶ ☉ Mitchell	I dont kno which iz the biggest phool, the man who kan spend two hours bragging about himself, or the one who kan sit pashuntly and listen to him.
12	W	♏ died 1769 ✳	
13	T	mizzling wet ♀ ♯	
14	F	♔ ♯ ≅ Joab loved	
15	S	old cider ♎ wind	
16	G	southy ♠ □ about	
17	M	now ~ ♖ ♈ ♞	It iz very diffikult for a man to change his pollyticks, or hiz religion, without being suspekted ov having very little ov either.
18	T	⊕ thrust in arly ⊖	
19	W	peas ♕ ♀ ♎ moist	
20	T	but ♂ wet ♀ ☻ △	
21	F	ekonemy is welth	
22	S	♋ ♌ it rains ♈	
23	G	Daniel Webster	
24	M	♊ ⊖ knu law ♗ ●	
25	T	it ‡—‡ drizzles	
26	W	♃ ♒ ♂ "vox ♕ ♎ ♐	The two bizzyest persons in this world about nothing, iz a country gossip, and a June bug.
27	T	non est ♞ □ ☽	
28	F	con–fab–u–lus" §	
29	S	♉ :~: ≅	
30	G		

THE KUNTRY SKOOL MOM.

The kuntry skool mom iz allwuss about 23 years, and six months old, and remains rite thare for a term ov years. She wears her hair either kut short, or hanging around in ringlets, and iz az precise in every thing, az a pair ov Fairbanks' improved platform skales. She never laffs out loud, and seldum even smiles, but when she duz, she duz it ackording to the rules laid down by Murray, for speaking, and pronouncing, the English language propperly. She iz the very oil ov propriety, and would rather be four years behind the fashions in bonnetts, than to spell a word wrong, or parse a sentence inkorrektly. The kuntry skool mom seldum dies an old maid, she gits marrid to sum man who haz less larning than she haz, and he thinks (az he ought to) that thare aint another sutch a larnt woman az hiz wife iz, in all kreashun. With all her precise foolishness i luv, and respekt, the kuntry skool mom, she taut me mi letters, and larnt me how to spel, she waz pashunt while i waz stupid, she sootned me when i waz frackshus, and she often (good soul) giv me a titbit from her luncheon at noon time. May Heaven bless, and comfort her, for she iz poorly paid, and iz stepmother to every boddys yung ones.

STOP.

A man will liv longer on onions, and abuse, than on enny other 2 things i kno ov.

———o———

Yung man, mark yure goose up hi, two thirds ov the world hav no other idea of value, only by the price that iz put onto things.

Q.—What iz honesty?

Johnny then bought a hard trotter,
And rode himself weak az a rag,
Then sold him for 19 dollars,
Just haff that he gave for the nag.

A.—The wag ov a dogs tail.

±	♀	*Short Fakts.*	*WEATHER COCKS.*
1	M	▽ Hoss radish ☽	Thare iz now and then a fool so well bred that he is really quite endurable.
2	T	haz cum ☌ ● □	
3	W	wind south-east	
4	T	● ☌ ✶ ☽	
5	F	—grindstuns—	
6	S	diskovered ● 1714	
7	G	♈ ♀ wet showers	
8	M	Ralph Goodo ♒	
9	T	♋ △ ♄ born 1109	Gossip that iz travelling around loose iz a lie, or will be, bi the time it haz changed hands once more.
10	W	mild but plezant	
11	T	♒ ♊ ☄	
12	F	♌ ♊ Ralph ♀ ☉	
13	S	loved ☄ ♒ sassage	
14	G	☽ prepare ☄	
15	M	for nice ♀ ☉ ☁	
16	T	♃ weather ♎	
17	W	man waz ♅ ☐ ♈ ±	I wrote 5 years just for glory, and met with sum glory, but when i asked for pay, every boddy found out at once, that i waz a kussid phool.
18	T	kreated ¶ a 3 little	
19	F	lower than the	
20	S	angells ✶ and ☿	
21	G	haz been ⚹ ☐ ♃	
22	M	♏ gitting ♌	
23	T	a ≅ little ☿ lower	
24	W	● ever since ●	
25	T	now ☄ ☉ insert	
26	F	⚹ ≅ arly corn ☊ ♃	Thare iz lots ov pholks who if they should miss their morning paper wouldn't kno mutch ov ennything for that day
27	S	♋ □ Pharaoh fell ☊	
28	G	warm ☽ ~ ⚹ ♂	
29	M	✶ ♏ ☿ ≅ into the	
30	T	red see ♐ ♑ ☄	
31	W		

THE RED CURRANT.

Next to the apple, for every day wear, cums the red currant. They are allmost az necessary, and common, for sweetmeats, in all well regulated familys, az hash iz for brekfasst. They gro on a low bush, and they gro so thick, that yu couldn't stik another one on, without knocking off two. They are about the size ov a dubble B shot, and when they are ripe, are az red az the eye of a wild pigeon. They are az sour az the blood ov a lemon, but plenty ov sugar kures them ov this malady. Currants are good green, ripe, and haff ripe, and are cheaper than herring, and not haff so full of bones. Thare iz a grate menny things i had rather do, in a hot day, than pik currants, but i hav dun it all day, when i waz a boy, and got a ninepence at night for the job. I am more than haff a century old now, but i kan look bak and see just how brite, and how big, one ov them ninepences used to be. A hundred dollars aint haff so mutch munny now, az they waz then. I wish i waz a boy agin, and knu ov life what i kno now, i would bind miself, if I could allwuss be a boy, to pik currants for a ninepence a day, az long az the currants held out.

REFLEKT

A jealous man iz allwuss anxious to beleave what he doubts the most.

———o———

Too grate a luv ov popularity makes a munky ov a man.

Q.—Define a perfume.

Five years John spent hunting tonicks,
He drank all the kures in the land,
And lost so mutch flesh he waz forced
To hold up hiz pants with each hand.

A.—Rape ov the flowers.

♋	♃	*Short Fakts.*	*TOP KNOTS.*
1	T	Sighns ov warm-	
2	F	ness ♎ ☉ △ Ruth	He who elevates hiz profeshun
3	S	Comstok born	iz the best mechanik, whether he
4	G	♋ ♉ 1786 ♄ ♓	preaches the gospel, peddles phis-
5	M	♂ Ruth Comstok ☽	ick, or skins eels for a living.
6	T	had the ‡ dispepshy	
7	W	♒ more rain ☉	
8	T	♋ △ now expekt	
9	F	litening rod ≅ ◐	
10	S	♏ ♂ venders	
11	G	‡: hot but wet :‡	Lazyness iz a terrible burden
12	M	§ June bugs ¶ ▭	to carry, and it iz one ov them
13	T	♌ ♈ ♂ have cum	kind ov burdens that yu kant
14	W	more heat ● ± ◐	dump, if you want to ever so
15	T	Mark ♎ Twain	mutch.
16	F	♀ is a funny kuss ‡	
17	S	expekt hotness ♈	
18	G	♖ ☿ now bury ~	
19	M	potatoes ♓ ♉ ♒	
20	T	○ ♋ not so warm	It aint no disgrace for a man to
21	W	♨ Old Grimes ♎	fall, but to lay thare, and grunt,
22	T	is ded ♍ ♃ ♖	iz.
23	F	hunt ♀ for △ frogs	
24	S	≅ hind legs ♎	
25	G	thunder and ● ⊐	
26	M	▭ ♋ litening	
27	T	♌ thare iz a ◐	An old man desperately in luv
28	W	divinity shapes	iz an objekt ov pitty, he iz az
29	T	□ our ends ♒ ☽	bad off. az a lost dog.
30	F		

THE LITENING ROD MAN.

Ever since Adam waz ordered to root, or perish, thare haz been an endless lot ov labor saving masheens, invented, az plenty, and menny ov them az useless, az tudstools in an old meadow. Theze invenshuns are generally pattented, and to be a good pattent rite vender, and sell a man an injun rubber litening rod, who haz allreddy got two, requires more genius, than to be consul to the Azore Islands. I have seen theze litening rod fellows sell a man a rod who wouldn't hav one at enny price, and after they had got hiz house all covered over with one, and got the munny for it, git one onto hiz barn, and pig pen, and git hiz note for them, with his nabors endorsement, for 9 months, with 7 per cent interest from date. I should be a mizerable hand to sell a pattent rite miself, but just the rite kind ov a man to buy one. It iz a grate wonder that I dont own a dozen now, that would be az useless to enny boddy az a pair ov pattent crutches would be to a lame grasshopper. I hav got a grate deal ov pattent rite kuriosity in my compound, and am allways hanging around things that hav got a little mistery in them, but i suppoze i hav got a grate deal ov caushun too. But now I think ov it, kuriosity, and caushun, well mixt, are a hard thing to sell a pattent rite to.

ESPOUSE.

The fust 3 notes i endorsed i had to pay, and i hope it will be jiss so with the next 3.

———o———

It aint no kredit for enny man, to work for nothing, and board himself.

Q.—What are sassages?

A.—Doggerels.

Our pashunt now took to reading,
He studdid the liver ov man,
Untill he knu what ailed him,
A heap less, than when he began.

●	☿	*Short Fakts.*	*RIGHT BOWERS.*
1	S	Big-hotness ☽ ♎	Luv is the strongest pashun ov a woman's harte, she has got to luv sumthing, either a baby, a nu bonnet, a lap dog, or the heathen.
2	G	♒ ♌ Paul waz an	
3	M	apostle ☉ ♀ ●	
4	T	♒ sighns ♋ ov ♅	
5	W	♈ ♂ thunder ☋	
6	T	now destroy grass	
7	F	♓ Sam Perkins ♒	
8	S	died ‡ 1836	
9	G	very mutch hot ☸	
10	M	♒ ♀ Sam Perkins	
11	T	♓ waz † a ‡ pharo ±	
12	W	-][- dealer :—:	
13	T	△ ♃ heat hottens	
14	F	☽ ¶ ♒ ☉	
15	S	snakes ~ hav cum	
16	G	● ʒ it rains ♆ ♅	
17	M	Ward Beecher	
18	T	♏ iz a preecher ♂	
19	W	♓ ♒ expekt ♓	
20	T	thunder ♋ ♒ ♒	
21	F	♀ ~ musketore	
22	S	⊏ perforate ♎ ☋	
23	G	hotly ♎ ¶ cheuing	
24	M	gum ‖ diskovered	
25	T	⊕ ♋ 1596 △ ♋	
26	W	Adam waz our ☸	
27	T	± ♅ ♀ beginning	
28	F	☸ mutch § hot ♂	
29	S	ʒ cheers ♏ ♒ ☸	
30	G	♋ ♈ ♀ for Adam	
31	M		

Luv is the strongest pashun ov a woman's harte, she has got to luv sumthing, either a baby, a nu bonnet, a lap dog, or the heathen.

I am allwuss more than haff afraid ov the man, who kant talk 5 minnitts with me, on enny subjekt, without expressing grate anxiety about my soul.

Go slo yung man, if yu tap both ends ov yure cider barrell at once, and draw out ov the bung hole besides; yure cider aint a going to hold out long.

Eat hash washing days, and be thankfull for it, even if yu hav to shut both eyes to do it.

THE PEACH.

Peaches and kream will convert enny man who iz worth saving. The peach haz a doun on them, like the doun on a maiden's cheek, but it aint haff so plezant to git onto the lips. Peach brandy iz made out ov the peach, this licker haz been called mellow, but like all other licker that i hav tried, it will lay out a saint, just az flatt az it will a sinner. The fakt ov it iz, thare aint no kind ov ardent rum, i dont kare how artless, and gentle the name ov it iz, or how ritch, and mello yu may call it, but what will throw him who wrassells with it, be he phool, or be he philospher. Thare iz only one piece ov humanity that kan stand ardent speerits, and he iz an injun, and he kant stand it, only just long enuff to git civilized. When peach brandy is fust made it iz az hot az a streak ov litening, and just about az sudden. I once drank a tea spoon full ov it warm from the still, and it waz 20 minnitts be fore i could draw a long breath. I waz az hot inside az a chimney on fire. I thought it would brake out and blaze sum whare, but it didn't happen to.

DIGEST.

I konsider all profeshions that are honest, honorabell enuff, but i hav thought, that a travelling korn doktor, waz the last one i should adopt, just for the sake ov glory.

———o———

Thare iz one thing about a mule that i allwuss did like, the minnitt that you begin to flatter them, then they begin to kik.

Q.—Define dispepshy.

A.—Nightmare ov the stummuk.

John bought next a kord of hard wood,
And sawed like a man on a bet,
It bent him dubble,—if it hadn't,—
John would have sawed at it yet.

♈	♀	*Short Fakts.*
1	T	Mutch warm ♏ △
2	W	♒ now consume
3	T	♋ juleps ☕ ♗ ☽
4	F	thunder showers
5	S	Pete Larkins ☞
6	G	♒ absconds 1741
7	M	◐ : : ▭ ⊙
8	T	♂ immense heat ⊕
9	W	now ≅ ✳ ⁜ ♏
10	T	[¶] : : pik geese
11	F	♃ more hotter ♀
12	S	Eve waz our (!)
13	G	☋ ♃ fust mother
14	M	♗ less ○ hot ▭
15	T	fleas are here ≅ ♎
16	W	♏ ~ ☿ big rain
17	T	pills diskovered 436
18	F	♋ hot ♈ seems ☽
19	S	‖ morely ‖
20	G	now snatch ♨ ♁
21	M	♀ ☯ ♌ doun oats
22	T	thunder ♈ ● and
23	W	♨ ♂ ♎ litening ☕
24	T	Ben Franklin ♃ ♅
25	F	♏ ▭ ♗ waz a △
26	S	s i p e n d t h r i f t
27	G	expekt ♒ flies
28	M	Judas Iskariott ♋
29	T	♀ waz a ♌ ♈ ♑
30	W	♃ ☽ □ failure
31	T	

QUEEN BEES.

He who aims at perfekshun will probably miss the mark, but he who aims at nothing, iz sure to hit it every time.

The man who haz been waiting for the last 15 years, for sumthing to turn up, iz to work on the same job yet.

I had a grate deal rather be told that a man is virteuous, and honest, than to hear that hiz father is a member ov congress, or even that hiz grandfather, fit into the revolushun.

Men sumtimes hav doubts about their religion, and even honesty, but i never met one who doubted his shrewdness.

THE BUMBLE BEE.

The bumble bee iz a kind ov big fly who goes muttering, and swareing around the lots, during the summer, looking after little boys to sting them, and stealing hunny out ov the dandylions, and thissells. He iz mad all the time about sumthing, and dont seem to kare a kuss what people think ov him. A skool boy will studdy harder enny time to find a bumble bees nest than he will to git hiz lesson in arithmetik, and when he haz found it, and got the hunny out ov it, and got badly stung into the bargin, he finds thare aint mutch margin in it. Next to poor mollassis, bumble bee hunny iz the poorest kind ov sweetmeats in market. Bumble bees hav allwuss been in fashion, and probably allwuss will be, but whare the fun, or proffit lays in them, i never could cypher out. The proffit dont seem to be in the hunny, nor in the bumble bee neither. They bild their nest in the ground, or enny whare else they take a noshun too, and aint afrade to fite a whole distrikt skool, if they meddle with them. I dont blame the bumble bee, nor enny other fellow, for defending hiz sugar, it iz the fust, and last Law ov natur, and i hope the law wont never run out. The smartest thing about the bumble bee iz their stinger.

DISCUSS.

Mice very seldum cum out ov a hole that iz clussly watched.

———o———

I fully beleave in ghosts, but I never herd yet ov two persons seeing the same ghost, at the same time.

Q.—Define thunder. ● ♋ ⊕

John's minister called on him now,
His case exciting alarm,
The good man sed, "John is all right,"
Only go to work on a farm.

A.—Lightning on a bust. ♂ △ ♯

♍	⊕	*Short Fakts.*
1	F	☽ ⛅ Mildly □ ☽
2	S	now ~ ♏ crickets
3	G	simmer ♂ soft ♊ ♂
4	M	♒ Fred Johnsing
5	T	deceased ● ♍ △
6	W	☽ wind east
7	T	Johnsing waz ♏ ≅
8	F	☊ a barber ◐
9	S	now lift ⊕ ⊐
10	G	onions ♉ warm
11	M	♀ ♍ rane ± ♋
12	T	Chapin ☿ iz ♅ a
13	W	p*r*e*a*c*h*e*r
14	T	● : mild : ▭
15	F	□ September
16	S	now the cuckoo
17	G	♓ ♂ ⊙ hollers
18	M	expekt showers ⊕
19	T	♃ ♐ Sim Darling
20	W	born 1492 ✳ ~ ♒
21	T	◍ △ ♍ "si quod
22	F	infantum" ♃ ♑
23	S	≅ much pleasant
24	G	now the lamb ≏
25	M	♈ ☿ bleats ♐ ☊
26	T	♂ sweet ♯ weather
27	W	giv us your hand
28	T	♓ stranger ♂
29	F	☾ ♏ for 90 days
30	S	

UPPER KRUSTS.

The gratest bores in the world are those who are eternally trieing to prove to yu that 2, and 2, allwuss makes 4.

One ov the simplest ways to try menny men's faith iz, to ask them to subskribe for fixing up the meeting house.

Free luv is the science ov luveing sumboddy else's wife more than yu do yure own, and trieing to preserve a good average,—it kant be did.

Stealing is the oldest sin on rekord,—stealing apples.

THE YELLO JACKET.

The yello jacket iz ov the wasp purswashun, and iz about one size smaller than the common blak hornet, and iz az mutch hotter, in hiz coolest moments, than enny other bug, az jersey litening iz hotter than ice kream. They are the most krewel fighters in existence, and will hit a man, or beast, four times in a seckond, in the same spot. They are az yello az gold, and when they are good mad, they blaze like a kandle. When a yello jacket gits mad all the way through, he will fite a brush heap on fire, just az quick az he will a mile stun. I hav seen them pitch on to each other, and having killed their man, close up the fite by stinging themselfs to death. Dont go near a yellow jacket's nest in the month of August, unless yure life iz insured, not even a hard shell Baptist, or a missionary, would be safe in that naborhood. They kant tell a friend from a foe, and I think would sting a potash kittle, a dozen times, and not mistrust it waz iron. They make homes for themselfs out in the lots amungst the ploughed ground, and i hav seen them bile out ov their nests like a distrikt skool let out for noon, or a smothered fire, and pitching into the oxen, farmer, and plough, drive the whole party, on the jump, off from the premises.

EMBRACE.

Most men are like vinegar, the older they gro, the sourer they git.

———o———

Lazy men, and black ants, are allwuss hunting for a job.

Q.—Deskribe old maids.

Our hero soon found out a place,
With a farmer, kind hearted indeed,
Who let him ho corn for nothing,
And only charged John for his feed.

A.—Embers from which the sparks hav fled.

		Short Fakts.
1	G	Jack
2	M	Frosty
3	T	now hunt
4	W	butternuts
5	T	cool but wet
6	F	John Bunyan
7	S	waz a pilgrim
8	G	more cool
9	M	now trap
10	T	for rats
11	W	wind northy
12	T	apple sass
13	F	invented 986
14	S	wet but cool
15	G	now jerk
16	M	turnips
17	T	more
18	W	moistly
19	T	sun in apogee
20	F	frosty now
21	S	destroy early
22	G	pork
23	M	sum snow
24	T	Dan Barker
25	W	kikt the bucket
26	T	1691
27	F	koldy now
28	S	smash wood
29	G	muskeeters skarse*
30	M	
31	T	

MORNING STARS.*

Seckond luv, iz like a seckond case ov the measles, the pashunt iz sure to allwuss hav it light.

Yu kant hire a man to be honest, if yer do, he will want his wages raised every morning.

Thare iz a grate deal ov religion in this world that iz like a life preserver, only put on at the moment ov extreme danger, and then half the time put on hind side before.

Most people are like an egg, too full of themselves to hold enny more.

THE YANKEE PEDLAR.

Probably the sharpest man that the world haz been blest with thus far iz the natral born Yankee pedlar. He takes to the bizzness just az handy az a yung duk takes to the water, who haz been hatched out by mistake amung a lot ov hen's eggs. He kan see just whare the proffit lies in a dicker, and aint afrade to invest hiz whole pile, at a minnitt's notiss, in an assorted lot ov goose yokes. He begins life yung, and like the bizzy ant, gits up arly, and eats on the run. Az long az he keeps honest he iz sure to sukceed, but sumtimes hiz genius iz too mutch for hiz integrity, and every boddy gits to be az frade ov him, az they are ov a hornet. The hornet iz the smartest bug in kreashun, but haint got no friends. The world luvs to be cheated, but they want to hav it dun bi an honest man, and not bi a hornet, and then they never seem to git tired ov it. I hav seen Yankee pedlars who allwus cheated every boddy they traded with, but they allwuss did it so honest, and square, that every boddy seemed to be happy when their turn cum. But the old fashioned Yankee pedlar, with his little red painted kart, and bobtail pony, like the letterings on the mile stuns, iz fast fading away.

SEIZE.

Stik and hang yung man, it iz the last six inches in a race that allwuss wins the munny.

———o———

If yu want to find out just how mean, and dishonest, yu hav allwuss been, git a nominashun, and run for sum offiss.

Q.—What are oaths?

John read in a hand bill somewhare,
That salt water was shure to save him,
So he went forthwith to Long Branch,
And hired a man to bathe him.

A.—Sin in italicks.

		Short Fakts.	*EARLY BIRDS.*
1	W	Kold but sour	Thoze who are too proud to enquire what a thing kosts when they buy it, are the fust ones to find fault when they cum to pay for it.
2	T	now worry	
3	F	the fires	
4	S	sno | 9 | foot	
5	G	deep	
6	M	Zeke Rathbun	
7	T	failed 1862	
8	W	kold grows	
9	T	Zeke waz in	
10	F		
11	S	the pea nut	
12	G	profeshun	
13	M	grate kold	Kards, whiskey, and hoss raceing, bring all men down to the same level.
14	T	now	
15	W	mastikate	
16	T		
17	F		
18	S	ham and egg	
19	G	kolder	
20	M	avoid tite	
21	T	boots	
22	W	sno inkreases	If a man writes for fame, the less he writes, the better.
23	T	Satan iz	
24	F		
25	S	a mean 3 kuss	
26	G	it thaws	
27	M	mutch kold	
28	T	hitch up to	When a man meazzures out glory for himself, he allwuss heaps the haff bushel.
29	W	the fire	
30	T		

THE KUNTRY HOSS JOCKEY.

For a red hot speciality, yu hav got to hunt kreashun cluss, to find an equal, to the kuntry hoss jockey. He iz allwuss a man ov plezant temperament, vain ov hiz opinyuns, often ov more fancy than judgement, and quik to decide. He haz but little real affecksun for a hoss, and only luvs him, for the cheat that iz in him. He iz allwuss reddy to trade for enny thing, from a yerling kolt, to the kavalry hoss that Gen Butler rode, at the battle ov Brandywine. He never knows when he gits cheated, and ever thinks, that the last nag he got, iz the best one he ever owned. He iz not bothered with too mutch conscience, and would az soon lay out a travelling preacher in a swop, az hiz own father-in-law, and do it without enny malice, but just for the honor ov the profeshun. I dont kno whi it iz, that a man kan trade cows and be pious, or swop oxen, and be a good deakon, or even negoshiate dogs, and be lookt upon favourably, but when he goes into the hoss trading enterprize, if he kant cheat, he haz mistaken hiz calling, and aint happy. The hoss jockey iz sumtimes honest from policy, and the man who iz simply honest from policy, needs az mutch watching az a hive ov bees do, who are just gitting reddy to swarm.

DISKOUNT.

If yu want to find out the utter weakness ov munny, just try to hire a dubble tooth to stop akeing.

———o———

A boy will learn to sware well, in just haff the time it takes to learn the 10 commands.

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Q.—What iz a fiddle?

A.—A ticklish thing.

John kept growing wusser and wuss,
Thinner, and thinner each day,
At last he waz nothing but mist,
And an East wind blu him away.

☿	♃	*Short Fakts.*	*MIXT PHOOD.*
1	F	☉ ~ ♅ Raw kold	
2	S	now whissell ♂ *	Whiskey makes a grate menny
3	G	♈ in your kats	wize men to day, and phools
4	M	more snowy ☽ □	tommorow.
5	T	♍ ☿ Sue Benson	
6	W	died 1812 ⁂ ♁	
7	T	♂ expekt ☺ snow	
8	F	Sue ‖ waz † a * flirt	
9	S	mutch raw ♇ △	
10	G	▭ ♃ ♄ now	Persons who marry after a long
11	M	con::glom::e::rate	and tejus courtship, go into bizz-
12	T	♂ sassage ♎	ness with just about the same
13	W	wind north ~ ¶	alakraty, that an old plough hoss
14	T	♎ ± Noah ♉ ♃	jogs to church on sunday.
15	F	owned ♈ the ♆ ark	
16	S	☾ □ it ♍ snows	
17	G	let her snow ♄ ♋	
18	M	♀ ⊕ ☿ hansum iz	Kuriosity is the same in all
19	T	az hansum duz ♑	people, the vulgar stare, and the
20	W	● :⌒: ●	refined peek thru a krak.
21	T	⁝ quite snowfull ~	
22	F	now slay * ♒	
23	S	♁ ♊ ♈ turkeys	
24	G	Noah ○ Webster	
25	M	♐ bilt the ♂	It is sed that men will tell the
26	T	dikshionary ♊ ☊ △	truth when they are drunk, but
27	W	♑ ☞ ♒	sutch folks will lie more than
28	T	may we all meet	enuff to ballance the akount,
29	F	☿ ♈ ☿ next year	just az soon az they git sober.
30	S	Good-Bye ! ! ! !	
31	G		

THE BEAN.

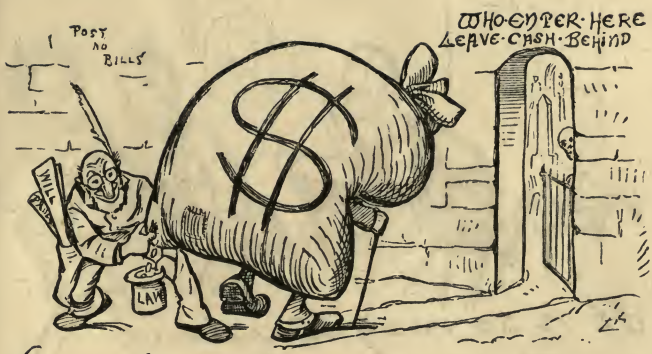
Next to rhy bread, beans hav been called by the poets, and philosphers the cumfort, and staff ov life. The bean iz all food, thare iz no more waste in them, than thare iz in a pint ov cold water, when a man iz auphull dry. Beans are all colors, and most shapes, flat, round, oblong, square, and 3 cornered, and a quart ov them put into a pot, and biled 2 hours, will meazzure a gallon, and a haff, when they cum out. This makes them a better dividend paying seed than enny thing we kno ov. Beans are az old az Esau, he sold out for bean porridge. Beans gro on the jump, and thare aint but phew things that kan beat a bean klimbing a pole. I luv beans, but dont hanker for them. But beans, and me wont quarrell. Baked beans are a grate necessity in Nu England, and not to hav a platter ov them for Sunday dinner, iz lookt upon thare az being stuck-up to the neighbors. One ov the old blue laws ov Massachusetts waz, "*thou shalt eat baked beans on Sunday.*" I kan remember now ov eating baked beans, and rhy, and injun bread every Sunday, when i waz a boy, and luving it, bekauze i waz obliged to.

EXAMINE.

The happyest time in enny ones life, iz the fust 20 minnitts after they hav had an akeing tooth jerkt out.

———o———

Imaginashun never filled a man's stummak yet, yu kant git pork, and beans, by dreaming about them.



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Thighs. ☉

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Knees. ♑

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Stranger! wouldst thou kno whar the sighn iz?

Lo, and behold! "thou paze thy munny, and thou takest thine choice."

THE BOOK CANVASSER.

The book canvasser iz a red hot being, az untiring az a fox hound, and az free from diffidence az a fish pedlar. He works hiz way into every spot in kreashun, and will often sell a book to a man, for hiz own price, who swore at first that he wouldn't take it az a gift. He will travel more miles in a day, on less hash, than a stage horse, and kan stand more abuse than a chinaman. The book canvasser haz bekum the terror of the land, and mankind hide from him az they would from the taxgatherer, or a case ov the small pox. I rather like the book canvasser, when a man pitches into me, and offers to sell me 650 pages ov "*Doktor John Hirsute's modified diagnosis ov the cappilliary attrakshun*," and stiks to it untill he gits the book onto me, i am delighted with the man, and proud ov miself. It takes genius to do theze things, and i luv genius in all shapes, whether it appears az the author ov a dikshionary, or the pattentee of bar soap, warrented to take the letterings off from a mile stone in three washings. The book canvasser haz mi hottest prayers for hiz sukcess, and tho i never ov late subskribe for enny thing, not even to buy the new klergyman an independant seckond hand trotting kronometor, still i am allwus reddy to reckomend him to mi nabors.

SLUNG SHOT.

"*Throw fisick to the dogs*," is a very old proverb, but whare will yu find the dog that will tutch it?

———o———

Experience teaches us mutch, but learns us little.

PREVAILING SENTIMENTS OV THE PRESS.

Josh Billings still livs, and his Allminax for 1877 iz full ov joy for the sad, and rest for the weary.

Atlantik Monthly.

———o———

How natural, how happy, how concise, how forcible, it is, Josh Billings' Allminax for 1877.

Appleton's Journal.

———o———

Welcome, sweet morsel of delight, ever funny, and ever profound, Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax for the current year.

Harpers' Bazzar.

———o———

Bully for you Josh, hit 'em agin, slay, and spare not, may you outlive Methuseler, and not haul in your gang plank until Gabriel cries, "All a board."

Springfield Republican.

———o———

Aroma of lovelyness, perfume of joy, essence of tiltilation, breath of beauty, seance of bliss, Josh Billings' Allminax for 1877.

Lady's Book.

THE CHIPMUNK.

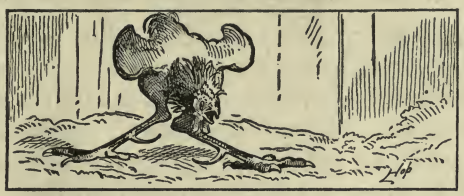
The chipmunk iz the smallest of the squirrell tribe. They are striped goods, having three blak lines wove into them, running the same way the squirrell duz. Az a spekulator in corn the chipmunk stands at the hed ov all the small operators, beating the blujay, in hiz yearly operashuns about a quart. The chipmunk carrys hiz corn in hiz mouth, and when he cums out ov a cornfield loaded with the cereal, his cheeks stik out like a duch baby's. Sumtimes the chipmunk iz kaught and kept in a cage, and iz made to turn a wheel for a living, this iz the only usefull work they hav ever been known to do. I hav often lookt at them at work in their wheels, and dont kno which i pitty the most, the chipmunk, or the party who has to tend them, both of them mite be in better bizzness. They are the only insekt who dig their holes and sho no pile ov dirt at the entrance. I hav asked sevral smart men what bekums ov the dirt, but they all shook their heds and lookt awfull wize. When i waz a boy i used to ketch chipmunks bi running away from skool, and the day that I brought in two ov them waz a big day for me.

CRUMBS.

The devil iz a very cunning phellow, but the blunders he makes allwuss eats up the proffitts in hiz bizzness.

A dandy iz an individul whoze usephullness in this world depends entirely upon the fit ov hiz clothes.

Q.—How iz yure mother-in-law? △ ⌒ ⊙ ♈



Hawk eyed, and spileing for a fight,
If enny one thinks they kan lick him,
Just let them put up the spondulicks,
And trot out the other game chicken.

A.—Pretty well i thank yu, how iz yures? ♏ ♈ ♊

♋	□	*Items.*	*PETS.*
1	M	△ Now dig ice	A man with mutch welth, and no pedigree, should do az the bob tailed kats do, set down on himself, and keep still.
2	T	♈ kold ⊙ but	
3	W	raw ♊ ¶ meazles	
4	T	diskovered 1312 ♈	
5	F	♋ * snowfull * ♆	
6	S	Adam fell ☽ hard	
7	G	::: wind north □	
8	M	§ Enok Jones died	
9	T	♆ 1102 — more	
10	W	snow ♏ Enok <	
11	T	≅ Jones was a free	
12	F	lover *** sighns !!	
13	S	ov melting (Ω) now	
14	G	destroy sum — ⊙	
15	M	hogs † it rains ♑	
16	T	♆ litening ♁ bugs	
17	W	fust seen 956 ♻ (!)	
18	T	× inkreasing snow	
19	F	● mormonism ♈	
20	S	invented 1832 () *	
21	G	‖ ☞ snow 4 feet	
22	M	deep * now the ♋	
23	T	[Φ] muskeeter [Φ]	
24	W	lies ♋ □ dreaming	
25	T	⊙ cold ☽ □ ♊	
26	F	morely ⊡ + ≅	
27	S	♈ now ⌒ the	
28	G	♋ :o: kat Ω ♌	
29	M	huggeth the △ ⊙	
30	T	—Φ— □ stove	
31	W		

Tricks upon travellers are allwuss dangerous experiments, i hav known a ded hornet to wake up sudden, and sting just once more.

Familiarity iz a dangerous experiment, the most familiar thing in the whole world iz a puppy, and the oftenest stept on.

This is my plan,—to beleave all things that i hear, but to put mi faith, and munny, in but few.

SUM ABRUPT LETTERS.

Dear Bob.—The most disgusting kritter to me, in the whole ov the United States ov Amerika, iz an overgrown boy, ov about fifteen summers, who haz bekum the terror ov the whole family, and spends hiz spare time hammering the cow, and stirring up the pig, and chickens. If the father, or father-in-law, ov one ov these youths, will lend him to me, if i dont civilize him, or kill him in ninety days, i will agree to forfit 50 dollars, and the cloth for a new alpacka dress.

P.S.—Send on the boy at once, at mi expense, i am just now out ov a job.—J.B.

———o———

Dear Steve.—It iz hard work to be in luv and not akt phoolish, but luv iz the only thing i kno ov that makes pholly excusable. Luv haz made sum kind ov a phool ov every man it haz attacked since the days ov Adam, and it made the biggest kind ov a phool ov him. Wisdum, and ambishun iz no protekshun aginst the disseaze, for Soloman evaporated before it like the dew before the morning sun, and even good old David wilted like the hewn grass.

———o———

Dear Hank.—When yu strike ile pull out yure auger at onst, and begin to barrell the ile, menny a man haz kept on untill he bored klean thru and sum other phellow kaught the grease at the bottom.

BULBS.

Ministers often point out to us, poor sinners, the strate, and narrow gauge, az the only way to git to heaven, while they hav got a private turnpike ov their own that 2.40 kan be made on.

———o———

Waiting to be whipt iz the most uninteresting period in boyhood life.

Q.—What iz the smartest thing that a man kan do? ⊙ □ ℞

An ugly lump is the Tarrier Bull,
For fighting allwuss reddy,
With Mike O' Rouke he travels,
And his name iz one eyed Teddy.

A.—To drink pepper sass. ☽ ⊕ ⊙ △

☽	⊙	*Items.*
1	T	The kold —!—
2	F	chatters ∼∼ Bill
3	S	Comstock deceased
4	G	!! 1746 □ sighn ov
5	M	snow ◎ Bill ⊙
6	T	Comstock died ov
7	W	¶ § a broken heart
8	T	more koldful () ❦
9	F	† Bill Comstock Ω
10	S	tried to lift a ⚒ ♈
11	G	ton * kolder * but
12	M	couldn't † △ snow
13	T	♊ falls ⌒ sun in
14	W	apogee ● bitter §
15	T	kold ❦ rats are
16	F	skarse ☊ it storms
18	S	C-h-r-i-s-t-o-p-h-e-r
19	M	Columbus ⊙ ♎ ≅
20	T	♒ diskovered □
21	W	Amerika ♁ koldness
22	T	waxes :∼: now ♎
23	F	♊ *** the + Ω
24	S	bull frog ⌐ holds
25	G	[⊙] hiz tung * ⌐
26	M	snow rages ⛵ Sam
27	T	:‖: Patch died ‖‡‖
28	W	poor * 1837 * ❦

VAGRANTS.

Life aint mutch more than a farce enny how, but it iz quite necessary that the play should go on, and the farce be well ackted.

The man whoze ambishun iz simply to liv, iz of no more importanse in this world, than an extra rat iz.

If Adam and Eve had remained in the garden ov Eden untill to day, they would hav simply been two fat, overgrown babys.

The gratest cumfort i hav seen in marrid life waz whare one ov the partys wanted everything their own way, and the other party waz willing they should hav it.

THE ALLIGATOR.

The alligator iz an original kritter, a chip of the old block, and az ugly to kontemplate az a congo darkey. They are residents ov Florida, and gro 12 feet, and nine inches and then halt. Their teeth are all tushes, and their mouth iz az full ov them az a buzz saw iz. Their eys are sot up, and down, in their hed like a chinamans, and they hav an appetight equal to 18 distrikt skool masters. They are the krokerdiles ov Amerika, and lay eggs az eazy az a hen duz, but dont kackle when they cum oph from the nest. They are grate cowards but aint afrade ov yung pork, or little darkeys, and kan eat all the time, or go without eating, az long az a gold fish kan. The alligator waz made for sum usefull purpose, but like the muskeeter, the bedbugg, and the kokroach, their usefullness haz been karephully hid from us. Yu kan shoot a hundred alligators a day on the St. Johns river, but you kant bag one, and thare aint enny more game in them, than thare iz in a rotten log. They are long lived, and liv, if mi memory serves me right, 4 thousand years, and their grate strength lays in their tails. They hiss when they are angry like a tea kittle, and want az mutch room to turn round in az a fore and aft skooner.

DEW DROPS.

I hav known whiskey to make a man generous, but when he got sober agin, he would git square with himself, bi being meaner than ever.

———o———

The man who iz rekless ov hiz life holds it at just about its market value.

Q.—What are the 2 luxurys ov life?

Darwin sez, we hail from the munky,
And Darwin knows all about this thing,
But while i respekt mi poor relashuns,
From whitch, pray tell me, did the munky spring.

A.—Eazy boots, and a snug conshience.

		Items.
1	T	It blows ⊙ △
2	F	(♒) Robert Burns
3	S	⊙ wrote poetry ♍
4	G	more wind !! ☽
5	M	* Fulton was * a
6	T	♋ steambote ♨
7	W	● ☽ Capting
8	T	⌣ wind travels ⌣
9	F	around loose ♞
10	S	☽ ! now set hens
11	G	♉ kold and raw ♈
12	M	kongress sits ! more
13	T	♉ windy ♨ Bob
14	W	Fletcher ♻ loved
15	T	not ⊕ wisely * but
16	F	too well ♓ Bob
17	S	♈ Fletcher loved
18	G	whiskey ♯ wind ♀
19	M	Easty ✳ Bonaparte
20	T	♉ was a ~ ♏
21	W	♋ Frenchman ☻
22	T	¶ Φ rain ♈ with
23	F	☞ w-i-n-d ♨
24	S	♞ buty ⌣ iz
25	G	short lived ♀ ♃
26	M	● it blows ♂ ♎
27	T	♒ △ ♗ ♨ now
28	W	○ twitch teeth ♑
29	T	more ☽ ♊ ♀
30	F	⊐ ♁ ♂ wind ☿
31	S	

NUTMEGS.

Enny man kan beat me out ov mi munny, and mi opinyuns, eazy enuff, but no man kan beat me out ov mi faith.

One ov the most unhappy kritters in this world iz a neglekted pet, they are wuss off than a vagrant.

The middle course iz the best, even a moderate deakon iz better than a red hot one.

Yung man, dont ask enny favours, it iz better to hav the world owe yu 10 dollars, and finally git cheated out ov it, than to owe them one.

THE LOAFER.

The loafer iz a thing who iz willing to be dispized for the privilege ov abusing others. He occupys all grades in sosiety from the judge on the bench clear down to the ragged kritter who leans aginst the lamp posts, and fites flies in August. He haz no pride that iz worthy, and no delikasy that enny boddy kan hurt. During his boyhood he kills kats, and robs all the hens nests in the naborhood. During hiz middle life he begs all the tobacco he uses, and drinks all the cheap whiskey he kan at sumboddy else's expense. During hiz old age he winters in the alms houses, and summers in the sugar hogsheds, and when he cums to die, he iz buried in a dich, like an omnibuss horse, with hiz old shuze on. The loafer cares nothing for publik opinyun, and this alone, will make enny man a loafer. The loafer rather covets disgrase, and when a man gits az low down az this, he haz got az low down az he kan git in this world without digging. We hav no reliable ackount ov the fust loafer, and probably shant hav ov the last one, but in mi opinyun, they hav existed just about az long az man haz. If Cain want a loafer, pray what waz he?

TIT BITS.

Woman hav allwuss been more than a match for man, Adam held the best kards, but he didn't kno how to play them well.

———o———

Thare iz one trait ov the human karakter that the devil himself must envy, and that iz, the more we hav injured a man, the more we dispize him.

Q.—Who fust struk ile? △ ♊ □

Long, lank, lean, and lemon colored,
An orphan, without friends, or place,
A target for every ones brik bat,
The yaller dog runs a dusty race.

A.—Jonah. ☉ ♍ ♋

●	♀	*Items.*	*BIRDLINGS.*
1	G	♋ Pensive showers	One of the most diskourageing features ov modern civilizashun, iz the average kuntry hotel.
2	M	☉ April Phool ♌	
3	T	begot 896 ♋ ♗	
4	W	:-: ⁜ more wetness	
5	T	● Babes in the △	
6	F	woods ♗ () ⊕ lost	
7	S	1122 (†) wind ☽	
8	G	‡ south ♍ now the	
9	M	✳ ♨ frogs squeal	
10	T	○ sum more ☊ ‡	Mankind luv to be cheated, but they want to hav it dun bi an artist.
11	W	wetness (‡) now ♐	
12	T	♏ investigate ♉ for	
13	F	hens eggs ☞ a ♃	
14	S	✳ ☿ kloudless day ‡	
15	G	Peter Bacon died	
16	M	1492 ⁜ ⊕ cool but	
17	T	♓ pretty ☉ Peter □	The most kritikal people to suit, are thoze who board at the alms houses.
18	W	♎ ♑ Bacon had no	
19	T	mother (‡) in law	
20	F	wind veers northy ♀	
21	S	♐ ♃ now the gentle	
22	G	~ kokroach ≅ ▭	
23	M	cometh ♈ sum more	
24	T	♋ wet ♋ Amos ⊕	
25	W	♂ ● Bostwick born	
26	T	☺ 1827 ♏ hard □	Thare may be sutch a thing az a man who haz stole once, and then quit, but i hav not the honor ov hiz acquaintanse.
27	F	showers ⊕ Amos ♀	
28	S	Bostwick ◐ had but	
29	G	♂ ♎ ♊ one eye ♨	
30	M		

ARTIKLES OV FAITH.

Heaven bless the stummuk ake, if it want for this, menny ov us deakons wouldn't hav no good excuse for hot rum.

———o———

The saddest ov all sights sad in this world, iz a child with a broken spirit.

———o———

Man kant make cirkumstanses, but he kan take them bi the horns, insted ov the tale.

———o———

Dont parade yure sorrows before the world, but bury them az the dogs do their old bones, and then growl if enny boddy offers to dig them up.

———o———

Klubs are a place whare most people go to git rid ov themselfs.

———o———

A trained child to me iz a kind ov horror, i like to see them rekless with innosense.

———o———

The boy who iz pikt out to be the genius ov the family is allwuss sure to be the biggest dohed in the whole lot.

Q.—What kind ov a pen do plagarists use?

A.—A steal pen.

Thou mewel!—thou art mi horror,—
Desaitfull, and dang'rous kritter,—
Az humbly az satan himself,
And besides a pizon hitter.

♌	♈	*Items.*	*SHADDOWS.*
1	T	Butiful ♎ May ♱	After a man has reached the hight ov hiz ambishun the fust thing he duz, iz to be disgusted with it.
2	W	♏ now the ♋ tud	
3	T	murmers ☽ ♍ soft	
4	F	showers (♎) Kate	
5	S	Sturgiss admitted *	
6	G	1842 ♉ ♓ Kate	
7	M	Stuigis ♂ was a ☽	
8	T	doktriss ♋ more ✳	
9	W	hazy ● now prepare	
10	T	♂ ▽ for arly lettiss	
11	F	● rain ♃ munny iz	
12	S	tite ♂ brite and ♋	
13	G	✳klear ♐ Solaman	
14	M	△ ♀ had wisdum	
15	T	klearing weather ☽	
16	W	now probe * for ♉	
17	T	♄ ♏ hoss radish	
18	F	♒ sum more ♈ ▭	
19	S	☽ ♐ ● rainness ♌	
20	G	● ♏ Jabez Tucker	
21	M	☿ obituated ≅ ✳	
22	T	1776 ♒ ● ♒ a ☽	
23	W	♐ ♎ ♀ sweet day	
24	T	Jabez fit ♎ ♋ ♐	
25	F	(♏) and died (♏)	
26	S	♌ ~ into the △	
27	G	revolushun ♍ ♈	
28	M	♊ ♑ ♉ more rain	
29	T	now insert ♋ ♓	
30	W	♐ onion seed –⊙–	
31	T		

After a man has reached the hight ov hiz ambishun the fust thing he duz, iz to be disgusted with it.

It aint safe to endorse ennybody, we kant even tell ourselfs what kind ov a man we shall be on the 25th day of next june.

I prefer the gravity ov the owl to the loquacity ov the magpie, it iz better to look wize, than to talk phoolish.

The cheapest and best way to convince a phool, is to agree with him.

SHORT REPLYS.

Dear Luke.—I kant bear to see enny man strike a dog, i kno dogs are full ov fleas, but i kno they are full ov affeckshun too. I am very sad when i think that affeckshun iz no protekshun to man, nor kritter in this kold, and ironklad world. It would seem that a lamb ought to git along thru life more fluently than a hornet duz, but they duzzent, and i also notiss that the most suckcessful hornets are thoze who are bilt with a stinger on both ends ov them. I love the lambs, but respekt the hornets.

———o———

Dear Mose.—All the humorist that i am acquainted with are sad, and sober kusses. I never knu a fust rate humorist who waz a good laffer, they are willing to make other people laff, but prefer themselfs to stand by and look on. If Mark Twain should be kaught laffing, hiz friends would immejately put him to bed and send for hiz family physician. Nasby, the grate politikal satirist, waz never known to smile but once, and then he, and Pogram, were in the bak end ov the grosery at the cross-roads, but the cauze ov hiz mirth iz a profound sekret to this day. The best laffers i hav ever knu, whare thoze who lafft at their own jokes.

SPLINTERS.

If yu are determined to bet enny how, bet yure bottom dollar the fust time, and then go into sum more respektable bizzness.

———o———

Thare are no weeds in this world that wilt so quick, az the weeds ov the widower.

Q.—What iz yure favourite name for a Boy? ♂ ♊ ♌

The poodle iz a frowzy bird,
A hiding place for fleas, and varmin,
Wimmin lug them round for pets,
And call them "luv," *and* "duv," *and* "charming."

A.—George Washington, Lafayette, Napoleon, Ulysses Grant. ♀

3	♍	*Items.*	*POSTSKRIPTS.*
1	F	♂ Luvly moments	The man who iz eazily influenced and yet wont be advised, iz a dredphull hard kritter to steer.
2	S	♋ wind bammy ☽	
3	G	june bugs are △ ☉	
4	M	☿ here ♅ very wet	
5	T	Patience Burbanks	
6	W	☉ ♃ run ♉ away ♒	
7	T	1840 ☞ sun hot *	
8	F	♃ 3 Patience fled	
9	S	with 3 a ♌ pedlar ♎	
10	G	♋ ♨ hot showers	
11	M	* the * violet * haz *	Necessity iz the very best gift ov heaven, without it poor human natur would only be a herd ov loafers.
12	T	♈ cum ♆ ♀ gentle	
13	W	softness ● prevails	
14	T	♈ now 3 jerk ♨	
15	F	‡: lettiss □ sum :‡	
16	S	wet :§: ♋ now pik	
17	G	the goose ○ more △	
18	M	● softness ♂ ♃ fleas	What a man gits for nothing, he iz very apt to value at just about what it kost.
19	T	diskovered 1309 □	
20	W	hotness exists ~ ♎	
21	T	expekt pak pedlars	
22	F	▭ ♃ wind rizes ♒	
23	S	♨ ♍ Sam Brewster	
24	G	elekted constable ☉	
25	M	□ 1865 ♋ sighns ov	Opportunitys are like birds, they will slip out ov yure hands if yu giv them haff a chance.
26	T	drougth ◐ be kind	
27	W	♗ △ to your mother	
28	T	in law ♀ ± very hot	
29	F	-now-stik-in-beans	
30	S		

THE SPIDER.

One ov the most ingenious, and hardest workers amung the whole lot ov little bugs in kreashun iz the common spider. They will do more work on a web, in six hours, than a man could do in his whole life time, and do a mutch better job into the bargin. Spiders are the meanest reptiles that hang around the footstool, for they are the only ones that i kan think ov now, that set traps for their viktims. They are az mean az a man in this respekt. Thare iz no fun in a spider, he iz az lonesum az a mizer, he spends hiz whole life making webs, and watching them, and allways lays at the mouth ov hiz hole, reddy to back in out ov danger. A man will go out ov hiz way rather than step on a kricket, and would rather skare a fly than kill him, az sazzy az he iz, but he goes for a spider with both feet, and seems to feel melankolly if he happens to miss him. Spiders hav no friends in this world, and the reazon must be bekauze their naturs are viscious, and cunning. Theze two traits will make even man an outlaw, and they akt just the same way on the spider. I dispize the spider, and aint afraid to tell him so.

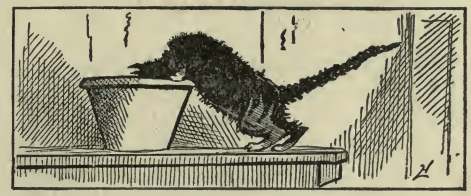
DREGS.

Every man thinks he iz the principal bull frog in the puddle, and rather than argy the case, i am willing to think so too.

———o———

Mizery luvs company but iz allwuss jealous,—there never waz a man yet but what thought hiz lame back was a good deal lamer than hiz nabors.

Q.—What iz a mint julep?



Full of cunning, and low deceit,
With stolen cream, and chickens fat,
Sweetly in dreams he lays at yure feet,
Judas Iskariott, in shape ov a kat.

A.—A refuge for cheap whiskey.

*		*Items.*	*VAPOR.*
1	G	¶ Warm hotness	The man who gits hiz edukashun from the daily papers, if he happens to miss one, haz lost all he iz a going to kno for the next 24 hours.
2	M	now the frog	
3	T	sweats (●) thunder	
4	W	* and litening	
5	T	♀ Amos Jones ±	
6	F	sloped 1839	
7	S	south wind ⊙	
8	G	Amos waz a wood-	
9	M	sawyer more hot	
10	T	now borrow	
11	W	umbrellers ♀	
12	T	thunder ¶ showers	
13	F	let us hav	
14	S	peace ● inkreasing	
15	G	hotness now pik	
16	M	green corn	
17	T	wind southly	
18	W	± virtew iz its	
19	T	! own reward very	
20	F	dusty ♀ now inhale	
21	S	juleps hot grows	
22	G	Mary Walker	
23	M	born (!) 1840	
24	T	kloudy Mary had	
25	W	⊕ a little lam	
26	T	cooler Job waz	
27	F	a pashunt	
28	S	fellow very hot	
29	G	♀ now chew	
30	M	ice go slow	
31	T		

The hardest man to convince in an argument iz the one who alwuss sez "*yes*" to everything yu say.

I would rather a boy ov mine would be haff full ov deviltry, than chuck full gravity,—but i haint got enny boy yu know.

The road to ruin iz down hill, and McAdamized at that.

THE MILKSOP.

The milksop iz a human being who has not the stamina ov a man, nor the weakness ov a woman. He iz a hibrid ov the nuter gender, without karakter enuff to make him respekted, or dispized. These kind ov pholks are innosent enuff if they are well watched, but they need az mutch watching az a blind baby duz. They occupy quarters about haff way between a phool, and an ideot. If milksops would only keep still but few would suspekt them, but how strange it iz, that the thinner a man iz, the more anxious he iz to get into a strong light.

THE MIZER.

The mizer digs hiz heart out hollow to stow away hiz munny in. He akumulates bi littles, and never opens hiz harte, only on a krak, to let another shilling in. An old mizer iz a sad sight enuff, but next to an ideot, a yung mizer iz the most revolting thing on earth. Mizers enjoy what they dont use, looze what they save, and die possessed ov the only treasure that iz ov no use to them. The most terrible sarkasm iz a mizers phuneral, the heir often makes it gorgeous, and expensiv, and then pitches hedlong into the pile the old phool haz left.

CHALK MARKS.

Advice iz generally like the bred and cheese we giv to beggars, thrown over into the fust vacant lot they cum to.

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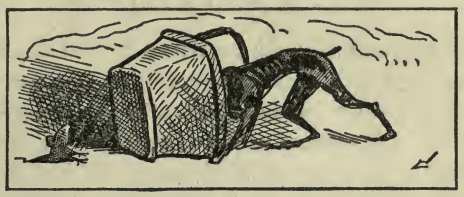
Bigots, enthusiasts, and clothes pins, all hav the same sized heds on them.

Q.—Pleze to define buty?



Short haired, and nervous az a ghost,
Answering to "Bill," *or* "Ned" *or* "Fan,"
Death on rats, and sirloin steak,
Behold the sparkling, Black and Tan.

A.—Buty iz a blank catridge.

☽	☊	*Items.*	*COQUETS.*
1	W	Fiery hot ♨ now	I hav seen men load a gun klean up to the muzzle to kill a chipping bird with, and git knokt hed over heels when the gun went off, and miss the bird besides.
2	T	≅ the kow pants	
3	F	▭ thunder with ♃	
4	S	litening ⊐ Bill ♒	
5	G	△ ☊ Sprauge died	
6	M	1500 ♋ more hot !	
7	T	Bill Sprauge waz ♀	
8	W	♗ a fiddler ☽ hotter	
9	T	Bill fiddled ♂ with !	
10	F	♆ hiz left hand ☉	
11	S	heavy rain ♡ ♨	
12	G	♋ sun in apogee ♍	The man who livs the life ov a toadey iz a kind ov human spit box.
13	M	more cool ⊕ now ¶	
14	T	÷ keep cool ♈ hot	
15	W	the grasshopper ✳	
16	T	⊐ ☞ iz a burden	
17	F	≅ more hot ♂ ♃	Yu will find plenty ov folks who are red hott to hunt tigers and wild kats, only muzzle the kussid kritters, and put them 10 or fifteen miles off.
18	S	Moses waz a ♍ ☿	
19	G	~ meek man ♗ hot	
20	M	wetness ♆ the ♨	
21	T	rackcoon iz ♀ ▭	
22	W	○ a kuss ≏ Sarah	
23	T	● ♈ Pettibone born	
24	F	☾ 1846 ♂ red hot ¶	
25	S	Sarah waz kross ♨	The man who haz got nothing but the truth to tell allwuss uses the fust words he kan lay hiz hands on.
26	G	eyed ♅ ♎ still ♉	
27	M	□ hotter ♒ ♀ in the	
28	T	☽ ♓ midst ov ☊	
29	W	* life * we * are *	
30	T	♂ in death ♗ ♋	
31	F		

LAZYNESS.

Lazyness seems to be az natral az onions, and just about az helthy too. The lame, and the lazy, hav allwuss been provided for, sumboddy haz allwuss waited on them, and sumboddy allwuss will. I dont luv lazy pholks, i dont even respekt them, but i kant help but admire the way they eat. I never knu a lazy man that didn't hav a good appetight and a square digestion. Lazyness iz the fust law ov natur, and for that reazon is entitled to sum respekt. Lazy folks are allwuss good natured, i hav seen them so docile that they wouldn't fite flies. Lazyness iz often mistaken for shifflessness, but thare iz az much diffrence az thare iz between a hornet, and a fly. I had rather watch two raskalls than one shiffless kuss. Thare are sum things that will hurry lazyness, but death is the only sure kure for shifflessnes.

LAFFTER.

Laffter iz the joy ov the soul comeing to the surface to hav a good time. The mule kant laff, and the devil wont. Laffing iz az natral az the meazles, and allmost as ketching, but the man who will laff when he dont feel like it, iz a grate koward to say the least, and may be a grate villain. Next to logick, to prove things, cums laffing, and the hardest man for ennyboddy, or enny thing, to beat, iz he who laffs at every thing.

GIMBLETS.

I hav figgered onto it, and find that civilizashun kosts about 90 cents on the dollar.

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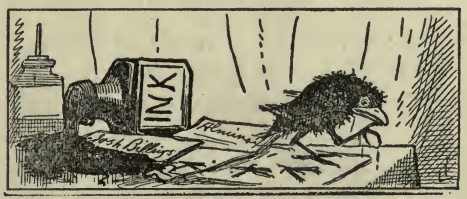
One quarrellsum dog will demoralize all the curs in hiz naborhood.

Q.—Who iz the best lawyer?

A.—He who duz the least bizzness.



What he kant steal must be tied down,
Ever reddy to caw, and to go,
Thare's nothing so full ov the devil,
Az the life, and labors, ov a tame krow.

♀	☿	*Items.*
1	S	☽ Delitesum △
2	G	ß weather ♨ rain
3	M	listen to the ♍ ☻
4	T	● mocking bird ☊
5	W	≅ ♍ Pete Brown
6	T	♅ waz diskovered ☽
7	F	1856 * Windy *Pete
8	S	waz diskovered ♉
9	G	☻ stealing chickens
10	M	| more weather |
11	T	now brile quails ☿
12	W	♂ 3 wind easterly
13	T	☾ hope deferred ●
14	F	maketh * the * harte
15	S	! sik ‡ more softness
16	G	♍ ♃ Lucy Smith ♒
17	M	married 1800 ♋
18	T	♍ ☾ it rains ♈ ☽
19	W	♋ □ Lucy married
20	T	well ☽ now ♈
21	F	♂ bile 3 beans ●
22	S	♍ ⊐ ⊕ more mild
23	G	▭ strike while ♀ ♊
24	M	☊— the iron —♃
25	T	iz hot ± ● cool
26	W	but ☽ pleasant
27	T	10 mills make ∼ ✳
28	F	one cent △ ⊙ very
29	S	♂ slick ♀ weather
30	G	

MISFITS.

Thare are two kinds of men that fear makes phools ov, them who are afrade of nothing, and them who are afrade of everything.

I would respekfully say to all that klass, "*who want to be an angell, and with the angels dwell,*" pleaze drop that noshun, and go at sumthing usefull, if the Lord wants enny more angels, he will let yu kno in due time.

Civil war iz like a fite in the family, it seldum, if ever, waz known to be healed.

If thare iz no hereafter, kats and dogs are better off than we are.

THE DUK.

The duk iz a foul, naturalists say so, and common sense teaches it. Wild duks are very good shooting, and very good missing too, unless you understand the bizzness. I hav shot at them all day, and got nothing but a few tale feathers, but that satisfied me, for i am crazy for all kinds ov sport, you know. Thare are sum kind ov duks that are very hard to git even if you do kill them. I shot one whole afternoon, three years ago, at sum dekoy duks, and never got one ov them. I never hav told even mi wife ov this, and hope no one will repeat it.

THE SANDY HILL CRANE.

The crane iz neither flesh, nor foul, but a sad mixtur ov theze two things. He mopes along the banks ov kreeks, and wet places, looking for sumthing he haz lost. He haz a long bill, long wings, long legs, and iz long all over. He livs upon lizzards, and frogs, and sleeps standing on one leg, like a gide board. Sumtimes he tips over in hiz dreams, and then hiz bill enters the ground like a pikax. When he flies thru the air he iz az gracephull az a wind mill that haz broke away from its fastenings. Cranes are not very plenty on this earth, but at the last quotations, the supply just about equals the demand.

BLOSSOMS.

The reputashun that a man gits from hiz ansesstors often wants az mutch altering to fit him, az their old clothes would.

———o———

How menny people thare are in this world who work for the devil all the time, and then look to the lord for their pay.

Q.—Will yu define luck?

A.—Luck iz drifwood.

This Nu Foundland weighs 94 pounds,
And to save children iz willing,
If yu haint no pond, nor children to save,
The dog aint worth a shilling.

☿	☉	*Items.*	*IMPS.*
1	M	Bracing weather ⊕	I never knu a man to brag ov hiz munny, or hiz pedigree, who had enny thing else worth bragging about.
2	T	now squeeze ▭ ♉	
3	W	♃ ● apples for	
4	T	sider ♌ more cool	
5	F	♂ ♌ Sam Lewis □	
6	S	♀ died ◐ 1492 ☽	
7	G	frost ♒ ≅ Sam ♅	
8	M	* waz * a * hard *	
9	T	♋ shell ♈ Babtiss	
10	W	mutch frost ♓ △	
11	T	♑ now exkavate	The meekest Moses in the whole lot iz the man who haz found out that he kant git the thing he wants the most.
12	F	–p–o–t–a–t–o–s–e–	
13	S	♊ ♃ kold grows	
14	G	▽ Solaman ♠ ☉	
15	M	♈ had ♓ mutch ♇	
16	T	wives ♉ ± it	
17	W	hails ☉ □ haste	
18	T	makes waste ☻ ~	
19	F	—□ snow falls □—	Thare are but very few people in this world who hav got the nerve to be allways sassy to the devil.
20	S	♀ now ☸ chew ●	
21	G	sassage ♯ more	
22	M	♀ ± cool ♎ Kate	
23	T	♅ Savage died △	
24	W	1749 ♠ mutch ♀	
25	T	♯ frosty ♯ Kate	
26	F	♅ ☿ had a pug ☋	
27	S	nose ⚹ ♎ now ♓	
28	G	☊ ♂ lift turnips	Before a vice ov enny kind kan bekum very dangerous it haz got to bekum respektable.
29	M	♀ kolder ♇ ▭	
30	T	♗ ☞ go slo ♓	
31	W		

AN EPISTOL.

Dear Snyder.—Yu tell me that yu hav got the blues, and want to kno how to git shut of them. The following resipees will heal yu in 90 days if yu stik to them klussly. To wit, marry sum delikate only dauter of 22 summers (more or less) and take yure mother in law home with yu to board, this will oil the pores of the sistem, and the blues will eskape like steam out of the noze of a tea kittle. Once more, hire out to keep a distrikt skool for 9 dollars per month, and hash around the naborhood, or take a 3 year old kiking heifer to brake to milk, this will open yure swareing valves, and so hurry the blood, that the blues will leave yu in disgust, and fasten their fangs on to sum other phellow. Againly, go down into sum marsh in the kingdum ov Nu Jersey fishing for frogs in the month ov August, and fish with one hand, and slap muskeeters with the other, and the blues will take the hint and vacate yure natur like a shooting-star. Try either ov the abuv alteratives, dear Snyder, and if they dont work, go into the bak yard of sum Irish woman and kut her clothes line when it iz filled with the weeks washing, and if yu dont git the blues taken out ov yu, and a good deal else besides, yu are a morbid kuss and wont pay for experimenting on.

BUBBLES.

Hero's are skarse, but the man who kan make poverty respektable, is one ov them.

———o———

If yu would eskape envy, abuse, and taxes, yu must liv in a deep well, and only cum out in the nite time.

Q.—Who iz the dearest old aunt?

A.—The one whoze bank account iz all right.

The Rackcoon haz a striped tail,
And steals green korn amazing,
Hiz hide iz worth 6 bits perhaps,
But coons wont pay for raizing.

♉	♏	*Items.*
1	T	≅ Sloppy times ♯
2	F	now the pig ♂
3	S	yells ✳ more
4	G	□ kold ♯ Warren ●
5	M	Davis failed ♊
6	T	● mutch weather
7	W	♐ ☿ Warren ♋
8	T	Davis ✳ failed ♎
9	F	♒ Ψ in the pea
10	S	nutt trade
11	G	wet sloppines
12	M	♎ ⊙ Judas waz a
13	T	♈ ded beat ∟ ●
14	W	! i n k r e a s i n g !
15	T	♀ weather △ expekt
16	F	○ pak pedlars ☽
17	S	≅ more ♃ kold
18	G	a stich in ♅ ⊕
19	M	♗ ♁ time saves ♃
20	T	△ nine snow
21	W	♀ storm ~ Mag ☐
22	T	Birch * died * 1826
23	F	♋ ♓ hi winds ¦
24	S	Mag want ± ♄
25	G	♈ ♈ a suckcess ♓
26	M	♊ sour ♏ kold ☽
27	T	Ben Franklin ≅ ☊
28	W	♎ flu a ♎
29	T	♋ kite ♃ ♈ ±
30	F	

MAKE WEIGHTS.

Mankind are a race ov coquets, even virtew herself luvs once in a while to flirt with the devil.

Luvers will manage to liv on luv for a very long time, with an ockashional chance at beefstake and onions.

Biographys are delitesum reading, we kompare all the virtews ov the persons karakter with our own, and all hiz failings with our nabors.

I know numbers who owe mutch ov their virtew to their ekonemy, they are too stingy to pay the market price ov iniquity.

THE OWL.

The owl iz a grizzly grey package, and haz a grate round face az sober, and intelligent az a cheshire cheese. They kant see bi dalite, but can see by starlite to pik up a pin. They hunt for a living, and are very smart, and sudden, on a field mouse, or a meddo mole. The most wonderphull thing about an owl iz the sollum importanse ov the whole kritter, az he sits on hiz perch, looking over kreashun, just az tho he owned the whole ov it. Next to a newly elekted Justiss ov the Peace, seated on hiz throne, with a poor devil before him, charged with the emoshional krime ov stealing a string ov onions, the owl haz more rare, and unfathomable wisdum in hiz face than enny thing on earth. I hav looked at them for haff an hour stiddy, in a shop window, to see if they winkt, untill i waz ashamed ov mi impudense, but theze owls, i found out afterwards, waz stuffed. I would thank enny one to tell me if an owl ever duz wink, and if so, how often. Owls liv to a good old age, but are not good for diet, they are one ov the fu things we kno ov, that the more yu bile them, the tuffer they gro. Biled owl iz the most ungratefull vittles that enny man ever sot in front ov. I never et enny biled owl but once, and that waz 40 years ago, and i kan taste it now, every time i think ov it.

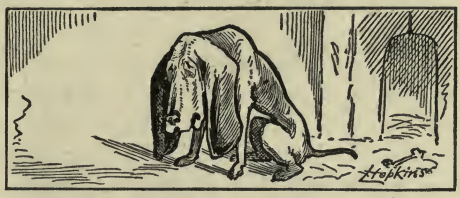
REMNANTS.

I kno ov people so fond ov contradickshun that it wouldn't surprize me to hear them disputing with a guide board, at the forks ov sum kuntry road, about the distance to the next town.

———o———

Falling in luv iz like falling down stairs, we never kan tell exackly how the thing waz did.

Q.—Who iz the biggest hipokrit?



Az lean in flesh az a grid iron,
Sollum he sits, the old Fox hound,
Hiz ears hang down like wet rags,
And hiz keen noze studdys the ground.

A.—He who calls vice plezzure.

☽	ʒ	*Items.*
1	S	Raw ☿ kold
2	G	♒ now jam fires
3	M	more ♃ rawy ♎
4	T	Peter denied hiz
5	W	♉ master ☽ kold
6	T	♊ grows ○ Dick ☋
7	F	♋ ♅ Blister died
8	S	♯ 1839 ☗ more △
9	G	inklement ⊙ Dick
10	M	☾ Blister * waz * a
11	T	▭ konfidence man
12	W	ʒ dredphul koldy ☻
13	T	♈ now dig △
14	F	ice ♂ it snows ♏
15	S	♃ ♃ munny ✳ ♋
16	G	iz power ♍ wind
17	M	☽ ☋ □ nor east
18	T	Jackson waz a ♆ ♂
19	W	± dimokrat ♅ big
20	T	☗ snow ** in time
21	F	☞ ♄ ov peace ~
22	S	prepare ♈ for ☾
23	G	♈ ♌ war ⊕ ●
24	M	✳ intense ♀ kold
25	T	♅ Molly Bristow ☿
26	W	born ♉ 1840 ♌
27	T	♒ kolder ♎ Molly
28	F	● waz * a * shop ♂
29	S	☿ lifter ♒ Good ☗
30	G	♯: Bye everyboddy
31	M	

FROST WORK.

It ought to be a fair trade to swop religions, but whare will yu find the christian party that iz willing to do it.

I find it iz a grate deal eazier for mi philosophy to ackount for original sin, than for an attack ov the jumping tooth ake.

Temptashuns iz what tries a mans moral grip, Adam and Eve were very good plums untill the devil shook their bush, then they let go their holt immijiately.

Marrid life iz too often a mere trial ov enduranse.

THE MUSKEETER.

Muskeeters are a game bug, but they wont bite at a hook. Thare iz millyuns ov them kaught every year, but not with a hook, this makes the market for them unstiddy, the supply allways exceeding the demand. The muskeeto iz born on the sly, and cums to maturity quicker than enny other ov the domestik animiles. A muskeeter at 3 hours old iz just az reddy, and anxious, to go into bizzness for himself, az ever he iz, and bites the fust time az sharp, and natral, az red pepper duz. The muskeeter haz a good ear for musik, and sings without notes. The song ov the musketo iz monotonous to sum folks, but in me it stirs up the memorys ov other days. I hav lade awake, all nite long, menny a time and listened to the sweet anthems ov the muskeeter. I am satisfied that thare want nothing made in vain, but i kant help thinking how mighty kluss the musketoze kum to it. The muskeeter haz inhabited this world since its kreashun, and will probably hang around here until bizzness closes. Whare the muskeeter goes to in the winter iz a standing konumdrum, which all the naturalists hav giv up, but we kno he dont go far, for he iz on hand early each year with hiz probe fresh ground, and polished. Muskeeters must be one ov the luxürys ov life, they certainly aint one ov the necessarys, not if we kno ourselfs.

SNOW BALLS.

Thare iz a time for all things, and the best time to hold our tungs, iz when we feel az tho we had the most to say.

———o———

The man who gambles, or drinks whiskey, kant chooze hiz assoshiates.

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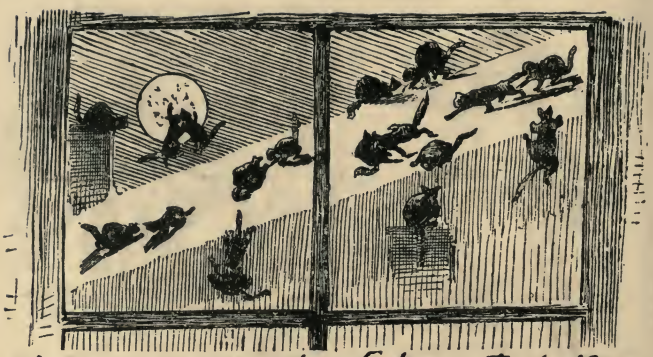

kats are plenty. I kounted 18 from mi boarding hous window one night last summer—and it wasn't a fust rate nite for kats neither.—
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Knees. ♋

Feet. ♋

A SUGGESTION.

When an old phello marriz a yung wife, he gennerally haz taken a kontrakt he kant phill.

QUESTIONS, AND ANSWERS.

Q.—When iz the right time to marry?

A.—Enny whare between 21, and ninety-four years.

Q.—What iz a woman's chief joy in this world?

A.—Her own or sumboddy else's baby.

Q.—Which iz the most diffident, and humbel kritter amung the animals?

A.—A bobtailed kat, probberbly.

Q.—How menny yards ov 5 dollar silk duz it take to make a dress.

A.—I dont kno, but it allwuss takes 2 yards and a haff more than yu buy the fust time.

Q.—What do mankind gennerally take the most pride in?

A.—In sumthing their nabors haint got, nor kant git.

Q.—What two persons in the whole congregashun, need the clusset watching?

A.—A praying pollytisian, and an offishus deakon.

Q.—How iz the best way to git rid ov kokroaches?

A.—Sell out yure house, and lot, and jine the gipseys.

Q.—What cums the nearest to makeing a woman sware?

A.—To hav her clothes line brake when it iz full ov a Monday's washing.

Q.—Which iz the two most thankless jobs in this world?

A.—To keep skool, and be an undertaker.

Q.—How do yu define experience?

A.—Experience iz the science ov finding out how deep a mill pond iz, by wading into it, and drowning.

DOUBLETS.

I kant help but respekt the heathen, they hav made az good a showing on their kapital, az the christians hav.

———o———

Next to the mother in law, cums the Grandmother, to regulate the cook, the kat, and the baby.

TRIALS AND PERSEKUSHUNS OV AN AUTHOR.

Josh Billings' "*Farmer's Allminax*" for the year 1878 is now on our desk, and why will the friends of this man allow him to disgrace himself, and humanity too, by spreading such nonsense broadcast through the land?

St. Louis Advance.

———o———

Vile trash! when are we to be released from this annual overflow, this ideotick Allminac? Kind heaven, tell us when.

Milwaukee Daily Bread.

———o———

Over Ninety Thousand of Josh Billings' "*Farmer's Allminax*" are sold each year. How long iz this to continue? Will not the publick arise in their insulted dignity, and drive this pest from the world?

Boston Pilgrim.

———o———

Shoot him! shoot the "*Allminax*" maker.

Arkansas Bowie Knife.

———o———

Alass! alass! is there no eskape, is thare no place in the wide world that we can fly to, and be free from this sickening visit—this yearly avalanche? A curse on "Josh Billings' Farmer's Allminax."

Chicago Budget.

REMARKS.

Three kard monte iz a game ov chance, the chance iz, that yu will git badly beat, unless yu play it alone. When thare iz 2 plays the game, sumbody iz bound to git hurt. Girls are a more risky crop to raize than boys, if a boy makes a bad blunder, he kan wipe out the slate once, or even twice, and begin again, but a girl kant. I kant tell who old Probabilitiz iz, but he iz a smart kuss, aint he? Whiskee iz one ov the tonicks, i think, but i aint sure, i kno it iz one ov the tanglelegs, for I hav seen it tried often. Yu kan sell a fast horse in Nu York at yure own price, provided he iz fast enuff. But dont bring enny 3 minnitt kattle to Nu York, the ice kream, and the milk men, drive faster than that. Our old fellows, in Nu York, menny ov them who hav seen 70 years, when they go out onto the hard roads, dont take enny but 2.25 dust. Speaking ov kats mi opinyun remains unchanged, they are az full ov flaws, az a March wind iz. Yu kan make a lawyer, or a minister ov your son, either ov them are decent callings enuff, but neither ov them will make him respektabel, unless they are well filled. Nuzepaper hacks are harder workt, and poorer fed, than livery stable horses. Authors, and skribblers, az a klass, are a self konsaited, and seedy set, and I believe a literary man, when he gits poor, and shiny, iz the poorest looking kritter on the footstool.

LINT.

No atheist, with all hiz boasted bravery, haz ever dared to advertize his beleaf, on hiz tomb stun.

———o———

A baby iz a necessity, but twins allwuss did seem to me, to be ov a spekulative natur.

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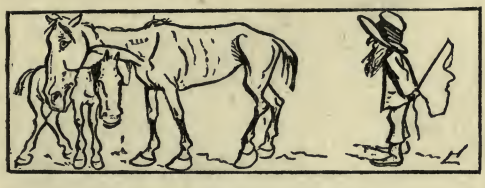

The yung Trotter *at first,*
Az he stands bi hiz dam,
Iz all legs like a shanghi,
And az meek az a lam.

☉	☿	*Brevitys.*	*BRILLIANTS.*
1	T	Now prospekt	I allwuss think that it iz good taste, and pretty good religion too, when a man prays for the sins ov the people, to count himself in.
2	W	for ☞ ice	
3	T	sighns ov kold ♏	
4	F	◯ the bumble bee	
5	S	iz still [?] very	
6	G	kold ♎ Pete Hyer	
7	M	Ω perished 1814 ♍	
8	T	□ more ≅ kolder	
9	W	\ Pet ∞ choked /	
10	T	⊂⊃ to deth < big	
11	F	⊣ snouness ⊢	
12	S	Pete Hyer ‖ waz ¶	Wimmin dont like to be loved too mutch, and i rejoice in their spunk.
13	G	⅂ hung ∧ fine	
14	M	▭ sleighing ≈ raw	
15	T	but Ω kold ☜ now	
16	W	◯ puntch ⊂⊃ fires	
17	T	< more ⅂ snow >	
18	F	hooping ♍ ♎ cough	Heathens, poor benighted kritters, dont indulge in horse trotts, nor law suits neither.
19	S	invented ! = ? 1206	
20	G	more ▭ rauness	
21	M	now () pay (!) yure	
22	T	⊏tax⊐ snow 4 ⅄	
23	W	feet deep ⁜ Jane ~	
24	T	⊣ Barker Ψ fell ⊢	
25	F	1832 (∞) more	
26	S	⊼kolder ⁞ Jane ⊰	If you hav enny doubt about the propriety ov a thing, you may be pretty certain that the doubt iz right.
27	G	≈ Barker ≅ fell ∨	
28	M	☞ down cellar (!)	
29	T	▭ now ¶ krak ⊂⊃	
30	W	> buttnutts. <	
31	T		

THE CUCKOO, AND THE JACKDAW.

The cuckoo iz about the size ov four small robins, and iz one ov the fust birds to tell us that spring haz fairly cum. This iz kind in the cuckoo, and they ought to hav a vote ov thanks, and a gold medal besides. Their song iz a good deal like the song ov a tin whissell, all in one key, but enny kind ov a song, from enny living kreature, iz acceptable. These birds hav one spot in their naturs entirely diffrent from enny animate thing I kno ov, they dont seem to possess the least particle ov affeckshun for their little cuckoos. They never bild enny nests, but lay their eggs in other birds nests, and let them do the hatching. This would be called smart in a man, but seems to me, iz darn mean in a bird. I wonder whare they lernt this trick.

THE JACKDAW.

The jackdaw, like the raven, iz born ov blak parents, and iz about one quarter the size ov the common krow. Their food seems to konsist ov enny thing, and their appetights are az klamarous az a distrikt skool just let out to play, at lunch time. They lay two eggs, and both eggs would probberly hatch out if they waz solid, for the Jackdaw iz bound to liv, and prosper. They luv man, and his ways, and are allwuss found az kluss to him az they kan git.

CHIPS.

The best relief for the rumatiz, that haz been diskovered yet, iz to find sum phellow who haz got the gout bad, and then pitty him.

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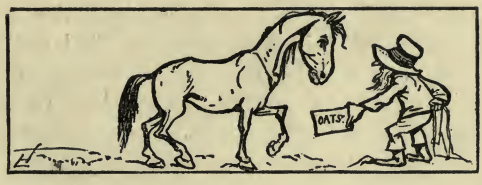
About the time a man haz got old enuff to travel a good gait on hiz experience, death taps him on the shoulder, and wants him just around the corner.



But he grows like a weed,
'Till he iz four years old,
He iz hi headed, and rangey,
Flat-footed, and bold.

(!)	≈	*Brevitys.*	*BAUBLES.*
1	F	Kold :: more	About the hardest condishun ov life to sustain, iz one ov re spektable poverty.
2	S	so now thrash Ψ	
3	G	beans very	
4	M	kolder > Betsey ⊸	
5	T	Mitchell Σ born	
6	W	1842 kold +	
7	T	continues ⌊/Betsey	
8	F	Mitchell ⊸ had ⁜	
9	S	a cork leg <	Thare are folks who kant bear to do enny thing unless thare iz a commishun in it, if they subskribe a thousand dollars for bilding a church, they want 10 per cent off for cash.
10	G	⌊⌋ kolder ‖ still ¶	
11	M	now smite	
12	T	wood ∞wind west §	
13	W	Hank Brewster ::	
14	T	died 1796 snow	
15	F	⌋ falls Σ Hank ⌊	
16	S	Brewster § died a ▯	
17	G	∠lazyness † kold∞	
18	M	waxes § now the †	The man who kant find enny thing to do, gennerally hunts with grate caushun.
19	T	hornet iz hush § sum	
20	W	more snow * whiske	
21	T	iz a tonick= very ¶	
22	F	kold:–now pla kards	
23	S	it thaws Φ Lazarus	
24	G	died poor sighns	
25	M	ov snow now ≅	Buty has won menny a viktory but seldum has suckceeded in keeping it long.
26	T	renew notes :: more	
27	W	snow=⊂⊃=keep calm.	
28	T		

K.

Kontentment iz not one ov mi strong holts, i never am kontented unless i am fast asleep. If i could hav mi choice, to be thoroly kontented with things az i find them in this world, or be a Rockaway klam, i would be the klam.

L.

Luv iz a game for young folks to pla at, but when a man gits az old, and az homely az i am, and takes a hand at it, he iz sure to git ukered. If ten waz the game, Cupid could giv an old phellow seven points, and then beat him badly.

M.

Milk Puntch iz a fluid that i do luv extrornary well, and aint ashamed to oun it. But whether it iz the milk in it, or the puntch in it, that suits me so well, i aint obliged to tell. Human natur iz weak yu kno, and needs a little puntching up, in a hot day.

N.

Nonsense iz one ov mi prinsipal weaknesses, i luv it in any shape, but az quails on toast improve the quails, and dont hurt the toast, so i prefer to hav mi nonsense bilt on sense. Good nonsense iz one ov the rarest artikles in the literary bazaar, and allwuss commands admirashun, and fetches a good price.

SQUIBS.

Human beings are natral slovens, yu hav got to hold a yung one tight to wash hiz face the fust time, and to comb hiz hair, yu hav acktually got to run him down.

———o———

The man who haint never bin cheated, dont kno so mutch az he will sum day before long perhaps.

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Then he iz harnesst, and broke,
A hard task indeed,
And handled quite gently,
To draw out his speed.

≅	♈	*Brevitys.*	*BAGATELLES.*
1	F	≈ Windy :–now	An illustrious pedigree iz a
2	S	hunt for ❦ maple	risky possesshun, the world wont
3	G	sugar ϖ :– mutch ♊	kompare you with yure peers, nor
4	M	∺ wind ⊙ Jabez ×	with yureself, but are all the time
5	T	Brown ☞ run Σ	striking a ballance between you,
6	W	away ▭ 1840:– it	and yure ded grandfather
7	T	⊏rains –: Jabez ▭	
8	F	❦ run ≈ away	
9	S	with (♌) Suzan ♏	
10	G	☽ Fletcter + now	
11	M	> the frog ❦	A *ded beat* iz a natural born
12	T	☞ ! yells ! ☞	hipokrit, he haz kapasity enuff to
13	W	☾windy ▫ some ☽	make him respektable, but the
14	T	haste ❦ makes ☽	devil holds a fust mortgage on
15	F	☞waste (!) rain	it.
16	S	❦ and ⊂⊃ wind	
17	G	☾ now = fri ❦	
18	M	nutcakes ❦ sum *	
19	T	⌐more ∺ wind =	A careless man in a family iz
20	W	† Joel † Sprauge †	simply a noosance, but a sluttish
21	T	⊙marrid 1400 >	woman iz wuss than a blister.
22	F	wind △ nor west ◁	
23	S	now ⌉ murder ∺	
24	G	♊ kats Ω more	
25	M	:: wind ϖ buty	I hav finally got to that
26	T	❦ for / ashes <	point whare I aint very posative
27	W	+wind * howleth ::	ov what other people kno, and
28	T	♊ sow ≈ peas ❦	aint at all certain ov what I kno
29	F	☾ more ⌓ wind☽	miself.
30	S	> go ≅ slow ❦	
31	G		

THE CENTAUR.

The centaur iz not an Amerikan, but blooms in the land far away to the eastward, whare the muskeeto iz unknown, and whare the pensiv kokroach putteth in no appearance. He is haff horse, and haff sum other phellow, and hunts for fun, and sumthing to eat. He haz got a hed on him like Demostheneze ov old, and wears hiz hair short in front, but flooded down on hiz nek, and over hiz shoulders, like a growth ov yung hop vines, in a hot house. Hiz instrument iz a bo, and arro, and he kan assassinate the stupendous elephant 440 yards distant, or pik a single feather off from the top ov a humming birds hed on the fly. The centaur allwuss hunts on horsebak, and leads a free and cheap life. When in the ackt ov shooting the vast elephant, or the remorseless tiger, hiz hed iz thrown finely bak, hiz eye gleams like a lost jewell, hiz hair quivers like an aspen leaf, courage smiles in hiz face, hiz breast grows wider, and the muscles in hiz arm hang down like hornets' nests, hiz tale whips the air, and hiz hooffs ov steel ring on the turf. I hav et plain hash untill i am tired ov it, and would like no better phun than to mount a centaur, without enny bridle on him, and with a mermaid in front ov me, and a ghost behind, take a free, and rekless ride, a ride ov genius, to the ends ov the earth. But I suppoze I should git sik ov this, in a day, or two, and want to ride sumthing else.

IMPS.

Poverty haz been called safe, but poverty even, haz got to lock up its mouldy bread, and cheeze, or loze it.

———o———

Honesty iz the rarerest welth enny one kan possess, and yet all the honesty in the world, aint lawful tender for a loaf ov bread.

When he reaches six years,
He iz called a full horse,
And iz thought fit to trot,
For a puss on the course.

♃	♄	*Brevitys.*
1	M	● Soft weather
2	T	the dandylion
3	W	cometh warm
4	T	rain :: now the
5	F	robin = skreameth
6	S	sum more
7	G	softness Bill
8	M	Baxter sprained
9	T	hiz = ankle ::
10	W	1836= it rains
11	T	Venuss waz
12	F	≅ the goddess Ω
13	S	ov buty bright <
14	G	day ‡ now chuck
15	M	in onion
16	T	seed ‡ mild
17	W	● and ⊙ pretty
18	T	Ben Franklin ::
19	F	= iz ded :: mutch
20	S	rain = now =
21	G	fish for
22	M	suckers = wind
23	T	southy by ‡
24	W	⊕ south < Bacchus
25	T	waz a winebibber ‡
26	F	soft rain
27	S	Sam ‡ Perkins>
28	G	⊢died 1813 hot
29	M	the violet iz here ! !
30	T	

REVOLVERS.

He who haz nothing to do in this world but to amuze himself, haz got the hardest job on hand I kno ov.

Thare iz nothing that yu and I, make so menny blunders about, and the world so few, az the aktual amount ov our importance.

The fust thing a man duz in the morning, iz to feel for hiz pocket-book, and the fust thing a woman duz, iz to see if the looking glass iz all right.

He who works for notoriety had rather be insulted, than not be notissed at all.

THE AUCKSHIONEER.

The auckshioneer iz an unfortunate individual who duz other peoples lieing for 10 dollars a day, and boards himself. He haz got az mutch jaw az a wolf trap, and as mutch cheeck az a 10 year old mule. He takes up the profeshun quite often on the same principle that a horse doktor duz hiz, not bekause he iz fit for the bizzness, but just to hav one in the naborhood. His gratest pride iz to mingle what he calls humor with hiz talk when he iz on the block, but hiz jokes are gennerally az level az a kold slapjax. He iz at the hight ov hiz ambishun when he haz worried a laff out ov the bistanders, and uses the same rhetorick, and similees, when he sells out a line ov bank securitys, that he duz, when he closes out an old one-eyed pelter, under a chattell mortgage, in frunt ov the kourt house. A kuntry auckshioneer, and a kuntry horse jockey, are two wonderphull cusses, in the rural deestrikts. I hav been an auckshioneer and kno what i am talking about.

THE OLD MAID.

The old maid iz the last gooseberry left on the bush, ded ripe, and reddy to fall off at the fust good shake. She iz sumtimes a leetle hard to suit, but iz quite often the most charming relick in the naborhood. Next to mothers in law, old maids hav been abuzed more than enny thing human, but they all ov them hav a warm spot in their hearts, that enny decent person iz welkum to krawl into, and sun themselfs.

BLISTERS.

Too mutch attenshun to little things spiles a man for bigger ones, I kno a fellow who kan make a fust rate whissell out ov a pigs tail, and this iz all he kan do.

———o———

Wit, in a woman, kan never replace the want ov buty.

Five years ov fasst work,
He iz bunged up, and done,
Knee sprung, and spavined,
Hiz spirit iz gone.

☽	☐	*Brevitys.*
1	W	≈ Butiful May !
2	T	air ☻ softly ☐
3	F	☞ now churn ☜
4	S	butter ⊸ rainy ☐
5	G	⊙ Mose Sherman ♌
6	M	☙ born 1792 ≅
7	T	⊢ wind ‡ fitful ⊸
8	W	:: Mose Sherman ✳
9	T	+ waz a tinker ☐
10	F	☙ soft day ☙
11	S	now bury beans **
12	G	⊸ warm ♡ rain=
13	M	÷ the † way † ov ÷
14	T	* the transgressor †
15	W	iz hard ☙ gentle ‡
16	T	weather ⊙ ☙ now
17	F	the old ☙ hen ÷
18	S	⚹ kakleth ♋
19	G	more *** weather**
20	M	Juno ‡ waz ‡ the ‡
21	T	‡ wife ov Jupiter ≈
22	W	☙ bright and ☙
23	T	butiful ♍ now
24	F	* insert ☙ corn ‡
25	S	☙ Abram North ≅
26	G	△ killed ☊ 1819 △
27	M	pretty day * Abram
28	T	was stung to ***
29	W	dethness bi hornets
30	T	allass ! ! allass ! ! !
31	F	

COBWEBS.

The happiest people after all, are thoze who are worked the the hardest, and fed the best.

———ꝏ———

Thare iz sum men who hav so little bakbone that you kant help them, you mite as well undertake to stand an angleworm up on end, and ask him to dance a jig.

———ꝏ———

If you give a beggar nine dollars, at different times, and then refuse him the tenth, he will sware you have cheated him out of it.

———ꝏ———

One haff the trubbles ov this life kan be traced to saying "*Yes*" too quick, and not saying "*No*" soon enuff.

INDISKRIMINATE HINTS.

I receaved a circular yesterday inviting me to buy a ticket in a gift distrubiting skeme, i didn't invest, i hav often bought into theze magnificent chances, and all that i hav ever drawed yet, waz the wool over mi eyes. A cow that will leak 18 quarts of milk per diem iz a good one, but one that will flow 30, iz better. This may look like an assershun ov mine, but the more yu look into it, the more milk yu will diskover. Thare aint but fu cows that will giv 30 quarts ov milk a day unless yu irrigate it well. I kant say if it will pay yu to keep a cow, or not, yu kan buy a "*Readdy Reckoner*," at enny ov the book stores, for 75 cents, and they tell all about theze things. If i waz called upon to advise a Mother in law, i should tell her never to suggest enny thing in the family at all, if she sees the babys stockings agin the stove, burning up, let them burn, if she sees the kat stealing kream, off from the top ov the milk kans, let her steal, if thare iz enny thing lost, and the whole household are hunting for it, and she knows right whare it iz, keep mum, and let them hunt. I kant tell whitch iz the best breed ov lap dogs, all i kno about the diffrent breeds iz that the whole lot are a kussid shame, and noosance. Rats are very growthy, so growthy, that yu dont need but one good helthy rat to commence operations with, and in three years, yu will hav rats to spare.

WAIFS.

Next to going barefoot, for solid cumfort, cums an old shoe.

———o———

I beleave in ghosts,—only a little,—just ennff to keep up an assortment.

Now to a street kar,
Staggering he goes,
Receiving for pay,
Only curses and blows.

●	☐	*Brevitys.*
1	S	△ warm hotness
2	G	● June bugs ☙
3	M	⌓ are here ⊙ leafy
4	T	weather (◯) John
5	W	Bigg deceased ‡ 913
6	T	= warm and wet ☙
7	F	☞ John Bigg ⊸
8	S	☙ operated in ♒
9	G	♏ klams ♌ hotter
10	M	⌓ now ◉ the ♎
11	T	kokroach ⌓ runneth
12	W	bright and liquid ¶
13	T	† now prepare for †
14	F	rain ‖ thou shalt ¶
15	S	not steal > sum ▭
16	G	wind ⊸ now egg
17	M	‖ hens ¶ for ☙
18	T	chickens ¶ wind sow
19	W	bi ♏ sow-east ☙
20	T	¶ Vulcan ‖ was ¶
21	F	▫ a blak △ smith
22	S	§ warmer ≅ all ¶
23	G	natur ☙ jumps ¶
24	M	¶ hot ☙ Sam ☙
25	T	♒ Burbanks born ¶
26	W	1812 ⌓ hotsum
27	T	rain ☙ Sam playd
28	F	the juice § harp
29	S	mutch growthy
30	G	

FRIZZLE.

About all us old fellows kan do to enny advantage, iz to nuss our rumatizz quietly in sum corner, and guess, that it iz a going to rain tommorow, or that it aint.

Military taktiks are a good thing to fite injuns with, when the injuns are 65 miles off, but when the fite cums, yu want to kill the injuns fust, and then alter the case to fit the taktiks.

A woman never iz more happy than when she haz four men waiting on her all to once, but more than one woman fussing over a man at the same time, makes him feel dredphull unsartin.

Thare iz nothing will demoralize a man fasster, than to git into the habit ov doing hous work.

TWO LETTERS.

Dear Laubenhimer.—I dont know who writ "*Babes in the Woods*," but who ever did, hit natur. I hav forgot now the diagnosis ov the book, all i kan remember iz, i red it when i waz a boy, and i bought one 25 years after that for mi son, and only last week, bought another for mi grandson, and when he grows up to be a man, and iz wed, and haz results, he will buy it for hiz children. Robinson Kruso, Jak the Giant Killer, and babes in the woods, will wear az long az allminaxes will. I dont kno az thare iz a partikle ov bible truth in them, but they are so wonderphull, that if they didn't never cum to pass, it seems az tho they ought to.

———o———

Dear Onderdonk.—Thare iz only one way to brake a kiking heifer, and that iz, to stop her growth bi deth. When a heifer gits to kiking, the smartest mishionary in the world kant console her, she will kik over her own mother, just az liberally az she will a perfekt stranger.

They will allways manage to stand middling still untill yu git the pail just about full, and then for fear they wont hit it, they will kik with both feet to oust, and squeal into the bargain. After they hav kikt the milk over, they are perfektly resighned, and will stand and chew their kud, and let yu milk them for two hours if yu want to.

BUOYS.

The fust man that waz murdered in this world waz the only pure one living at that time.

———o———

I like to see all things true to natur, even a hornet that kant sting, is a melankolly failure.

Next to a kart,
He plods, and he moans,
A skeleton phantom,
A mere rak ov bones.

♋	♁	*Brevitys.*
1	M	¶ Grate ☞
2	T	☿ warmness ‖
3	W	❧ now the ❧
4	T	☙ hopper grass ☙
5	F	♒ laffeth ≅ sum ≅
6	S	more hot ¶ Pan
7	G	§ waz ¶ a shephard ‖
8	M	☞ more heat ¶
9	T	≅ Fred Munson ≅
10	W	♒ broke his ♒
11	T	☽ arm ¶ 1386 ☽
12	F	≅ thunder and ♒
13	S	☽ litening ≅ now
14	G	the ram butteth ≅
15	M	☞ growing hot ♒
16	T	now probe ⚹ for ☽
17	W	ice kream ▭ more
18	T	❧ thunder ❧
19	F	¶ multiplikashun §
20	S	table diskovered ♃
21	G	826 ❧ now twitch
22	M	lettiss ⌓ more ⌓
23	T	heaty ☞ Jane
24	W	¶ Ferguson ⊙ ☡
25	T	vamosed ♒ 1840
26	F	¶ hot § abates ¶
27	S	Jane vamosed ☙
28	G	with ¶ one Sam §
29	M	Peters ‡ it rains ††
30	T	♍ sich iz life ☊
31	W	

WATCHWORDS.

A good landlord haz no publik opinyun ov hiz own, when called upon to decide between two ov hiz boarders, he takes them one side seperately, and tells each ov them, what a kussid phool the other fellow is making ov himself.

The man who iz anxious to liv hiz life over again, iz proberbly more ov a spekulator at heart, than a philosopher or a christian.

Total depravity iz a hard thing for me to believe, but i must say, that i often meet cases that wouldn't pay more than 5 per cent for rektifying.

A "*Cuss*" iz a kritter who iz just a little more respektabel than a loafer, and just a little less dangerous than a renegade.

THE RHINOSSEROSS AND THE VIOLET.

The rhinosseross iz strikly a forrin invenshun, and i am glad ov it. They are a one horned experiment, and that horn grows on the tip ov their nose. If they are haff az unhappy az they look, they are the most mizerable kritters ever invented. Their great value is in their skarsity, if they waz az plenty az organ grinders, they wouldn't be enny more of a luxury. If i waz offered mi choice between a rhinosseross, and an anakondy, i should figger on them cluss, for a fortnight, and then refuse to take either.

THE VIOLET.

Little blu eyed innocent, i saw yu one year ago, this very day, in this same cold, and sunless spot, (perhaps it mite hav been yure sister) far away from human eyes, or human footsteps. It waz winter then, so it iz now, but they call it spring. Yu are too gentle for this cheerless place, do the fairys visit yu, and whisper words ov luv and hope. Yu need'nt hang yure hed and tremble, i wont hurt yu, gladly would i swop places with yu, neglected az yu are, yu kant be lost, i may be. Stay right whare yu are little innosent, the fust luv sik maiden i kum akrost, i will send to keep yu company, she will hav a lot ov silly, and soft things, to tell yu.

UNDERGROWTH.

A "*Stool Pigeon*" iz one, who iz willing to be az wicked az he knows how, but who haz to be taught all the iniquity, ov enny consequence, that he possesses.

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Men who hav the most real power, sho it the least, while thare aint a more terrible engine ov the law, than a fresh elekted constable.

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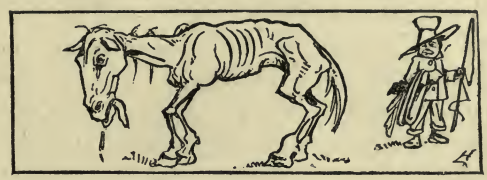

When he kant pull a pound,
And won't even try,
He iz dropt bi his owner,
And turned out to die.

☽	♌	*Brevitys.*
1	T	☽ Hot but dusty
2	F	¶ Behold the ☙
3	S	✳ festiff ⛅
4	G	☞ muskeeter ♒
5	M	⛅ draws nigh ⛅
6	T	¶ sum more ¶
7	W	‖ dust with heat §
8	T	now inquire □ for
9	F	☞ juleps ☜
10	S	⛅ big shower ⛅
11	G	§ now the hen §
12	M	⌐ pants ⌙ cool ¬
13	T	⛅ ⊙ nights ⊙ ⛅
14	W	☾ Sam. Carter ☽
15	T	‖ obituated 1865 ‖
16	F	sum more ‖ hotly ≅
17	S	§ Sam Carter waz ‖
18	G	a ≅ ded ♏ beet ‡
19	M	♒ sighns ⛅
20	T	⊙ ov thunder ±
21	W	♒ /now lift/ ⊙
22	T	☙ coucumbers ☙
23	F	◍ rain and ☽
24	S	⊙ lightning ⊙
25	G	*"thou shalt not*
26	M	*lie"* ⊙ much ♍ ⛅
27	T	☾ warmth ✳ now
28	W	keep ≅ cool ☽ it
29	T	⊙ thunders ⊙
30	F	☞ hark !!! ◁ ≅
31	S	

SKRAPS.

Repentanse iz the most satisfaktory duty that a man can perform, but it wont kure the headake next day, nor pay for the hot rum, and cigars, it took to make it.

Thare may be some perfektly happy people in this world, but if they undertake to prove it, they will lay themselfs open to suspishun.

I never knu a man who lived upon hope, but what spent hiz old age at sumboddy else's expense.

To bekum famous requires mutch time, and merit,—fust to be entitled to it, an seckondly, not to git cheated out ov it.

THE BACHELOR.

The old bachelor iz born in the maskuline way, but often changes hiz base, to the nuter gender. He thinks he haz got a good lone hand, but in playing it, allmost allways gits ukered. Sumtimes, late in life, he makes up hiz mind to git marrid, and then, allmost invariably, thare are two partys, who are disapointed.

THE QUACK.

The quack knows he iz a ded beat, but he allso knows that mankind luv to be cheated. He allwuss haz sum speshiallity, and the more diffikult iz the disseaze, the more brazen iz he, in hiz offers to kure it. He preys upon the unfortunate, and it would be az unprofitable to prove malpraktiss aginst him, az it would bigamy, aginst a wharf rat.

THE DEAKON.

The deakon iz the fust lutenant in a meeting house. He iz a good christian man, but hiz kreed iz too often az mutch bother to him, az a yoke iz to a goose. He iz az full ov bizzness, and proviso's az a wimmins rites convenshen. He often haz more pitty than branes, and generally, more fuss, than either. A good deakon, in a naborhood, iz a substanshall blessing, and bad deakons, thank Heaven, hav allwuss been skarse.

SOLLUM THINGS.

The world iz bankrupt in morals, and if kind heaven wont settle with us, for 10 cents on the dollar, the devil will git the whole thing bi foreclosure.

———o———

Yu may make a servant ov a friend, but yu kant make a friend ov a servant, it aint natral.

The street boys git at him,
And ride him around,
'Till he staggers, and stumbles,
And falls to the ground.

◐	☺	*Brevitys.*
1	G	⊙ Breezy § 'list
2	M	to ⊙ the
3	T	mocking bird
4	W	a fine day
5	T	now chew ≅
6	F	‖ cherrys ‖
7	S	⊙ cool § Dave
8	G	¶ Markham died §
9	M	‖ 1790 ‖ milder §
10	T	△ Dave died △
11	W	⊙ ov skarsity ⊙
12	T	⊙ ⊙ ov breth ⊙ △
13	F	‖ more ‖
14	S	⊙ mildness ⊙
15	G	‖ huckleberrys are §
16	M	here cool
17	T	sighns
18	W	⊙ Dan Tucker ⊙
19	T	≅ born 1832 □
20	F	§ expekt coolness §
21	S	¶ Dan Tucker
22	G	waz dark
23	M	‖ konplekted ‖
24	T	rain ‖ now △ twitch
25	W	flax ‖ hot day ‡ in
26	T	□ time ov peace □
27	F	look out ‖ ‖ for war
28	S	wind easty † bi nor
29	G	east go slow ‡
30	M	

ECHOS.

Whenever yu cum akrost a man, who praizes yu immoderately, and kusses every boddy else in proportion, yu kan make up yure mind, that yure turn for kussing will cum soon.

Experiense haz no effect on sum people, they are like an old frog in a mud puddle, yu kan ketch him without even enny bait on yure hook, and thro him bak agin, az often az yu hav a mind to.

An idler iz twice a thief, he not only steals hiz own time, but he hangs around, trieing to steal yures too.

We all ov us hav certian sorrows that are too intrinksik to be divided with enny boddy.

THE GRASSHOPPER IZ A BURDEN.

The grasshopp iz a flippant bug. He iz likewise a kuss. He iz green for color, and haz several leggs, or more, i disremember whitch. They kan fli, hop, walk, sit still, or run, and are born ov eggs, a dozen from each egg, proberbly. They are an inch and a quarter in length, and are sumtimes a frackshun over. They are laid, hatchid out, git their manhood, and die off in 75 days, this iz aktual bizzness, and shows enterprize, in a lofty degree. What they are good for, haz been concealed from us, for wize reazons, but the evil they kan commit, iz sumtimes equal to a famine. I hav seen every green thing, on the flatt ov the earth, for 50 miles in diameter, et up bi them, and millyuns ov them besides starving to deth. I have seen the air filled with them like a shower ov sand, and nothing but stone fences, and McAdam roads, proof aginst their appetights. To be et up bi grasshopps, to be consumed bi muskeeters, or mangled bi a mule, hav allways been the three deaths that i hav voted aginst. But az mutch az i fear the dedly hopper, i had rather face a mile square ov them, all alone, in the month ov August, or i had rather cross the Newark marshes, bi moonlite, in Juli, when muskeeters are in their consumate glory, or even fondle the sportive mule, than to hav a *nusepaper kritick*, who writes for 8 dollars a week, git after me.

CAMBRIK NEEDLES.

The slowest time on reckord,—is skool time.

———o———

The man who *forgivs*, and dont *forgit*, compounds for 50 cents on the dollar.

31 Days. OCTOBER. 1878.

Thare he struggles, and groans,
'Till he iz knockt on the hed,
And the once rapid trotter,
Lies pulseless and ded.

☉	♃	*Brevitys.*
1	T	☾ Frosty ♏ now
2	W	♂ gobble cider ☁
3	T	☞ expekt kold ☽
4	F	☁ Nick Hudibras ‖
5	S	‡ fled ☉ 1851 ♃
6	G	☙ ‡ colder ‡ ☙
7	M	♏ Nick fled □
8	T	~ to Texas ♌
9	W	‡ snow ‡ threatens ‡
10	T	× now unearth ♀
11	F	‡ p–o–t–a–t–o–e–s ‡
12	S	☉ cool nights ☉
13	G	liberty ‡ and ‡ union
14	M	☙ still ‡ cooler ☉
15	T	☁ one ☽ and ☁
16	W	☞ fine day ☞
17	T	inseparable ¶ now
18	F	▭ the duck +
19	S	q–u–a–c–k–e–t–h ✳
20	G	≈ more frost ≈
21	M	☉ Sally Foster ☉
22	T	¶ married 1826 ≅
23	W	△ cool and wet △
24	T	Sally married ♀ for
25	F	love ‡ cooler ☾ and
26	S	45 hundred dollars
27	G	a year ♃ wind flau
28	M	≈ sum ☙ now ☽
29	T	highst ☙ turnips ‡
30	W	
31	T	

DAY BREAKS.

Politeness never makes enny blunders, it often gits snubbed, but never gits beat.

When you cum akrost a man that neither flattery, nor abuse, wont stimulate, let him alone, he haz gone to seed.

Thare iz nothing more bekuming than humality, and nothing that most ov people are more ashamed ov.

It iz a grate art to kno how to giv gracephully, I hav seen good light bread change into a stone, in passing from one hand to another.

THE APPLE.

The apple iz the oldest fruit on reckord, and one ov the best. The fust ackount we hav ov it, was in the gardin ov Eden. Eve iz sed to hav et the fust one, and pronounced it good, and made Adam take a bight. The eating ov this apple never has been konsidered mutch ov a hit for the rest ov us. The apple will keep longer than enny other fruit, if it aint eaten, and kan be workt up into apple sass, and dumplings, with grate suckcess.

I kan tell a mans tru karakter, bi what he eats, or drinks, clusser than i kan to hear him deliver a tempranse lektur. Talk of all kinds iz artyfishall, but vittles, and drinks, iz natur. Whenever yu see a man cussing, and swareing at apple sass, and good light dumplings, yu can bet 10 dollars, on mi ackount, that he aint a good fireside man. Apples also, when they are well squeezed, produce cider, which iz next to milk, az a fertilizer. Egnogg owes most ov its glory unto cider. Champane wine would be dredphull skarse in market if it want for cider, and good sharp vinegar would be az unkommon az piety, or tru affeckshun, if it wazn't for cider. Jersey lightning also kums from cider, this iz the only wicked thing i ever knu cider to do. Jersey lightning haz scalded more people than hot water ever haz, and killed more than Minnie rifles.

FOAM.

Thare iz nothing which a chaste, and refined woman detekts so quick as the atmosphere ov an impure man.

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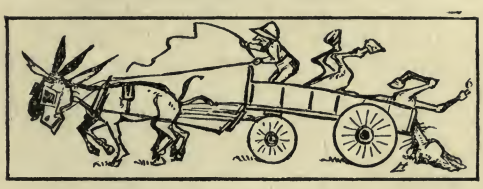
Contentment haz been praized more, and prakticed less, than enny other condishun ov life.



Now they kart him away—
Forgot, and forsaken,
To far-famed "BARREN ISLAND,"
The Trotter iz taken.

☿	♃	*Brevitys.*
1	F	☾ Cold ☉ the
2	S	cricket ♒ chirps ‡
3	G	♋ faintly ♋ more
4	M	coldy ≅ now ♯♯
5	T	trap ☉ for minks ☽
6	W	❦ it snows ❦
7	T	‡ Ruben Hatfieid ‡
8	F	obsquatulated 1811
9	S	☞ chilly ☜
10	G	♍ Reuben ‡ was ♃
11	M	a toll/gate ‖ keeper
12	T	‡ now ¶ bruize *
13	W	☞ w/o/o/d ❦
14	T	☉ colder mutch ☉
15	F	¶ thou ¶ shalt ¶
16	S	not ☉ s–n–o–r–e ☉
17	G	in ❦ thy ♏ sleep
18	M	~ very ☽ cool □
19	T	‖ meazles ‖ found ‖
20	W	☉ 1492 ♍ Bob ❂
21	T	Barnes ☉ died 1603
22	F	raw ‡ but cold § Bob
23	S	Barnes ♓ was ☽ a
24	G	vegitinarian ♒ more
25	M	snow ♌ Bob Barnes
26	T	waz a kold ‖ potato
27	W	☉ champion ♋
28	T	☞ Farewell ☜
29	F	± my boys ! ! ! ♓
30	S	

SNOW FLAKES.

I like philosophy on general principles, but the man who invented the frickshun match, a cent a box, haz dun the world more good, than than the author ov the stoick philosophy.

Thare iz a grate menny fresh water martyrs on the footstool, folks whoze gratest pride iz to tell us what a miserable time they hav allways had ont.

Advice and phisick are so plenty, that the man who makes enny blunders, or gits sick, must be a phool.

A vain man lets us see all hiz weak points, and hides hiz strong ones.

THE AVERAGE BOARDING HOUSE.

I hav lived in boarding houses long enuff to decide, that most ov them are the most cheerless, and unfriendly places on earth. The alms house, or the hospital, iz a more luvly spot to liv in, than the average boarding house. They are kept bi females, gennerally about 45, or 46, years old, and never gits enny older, who wears a blak allpacka dress, az slippery, and shiny, as a piece ov pattent leather, and who kan blo a butcher klean out ov hiz stall, or lift the false hair oph from the heds, ov one ov her Bridgets, when she gets to argueing the case hot.

Her house iz furnished from top to bottom with faded furniture, the spoils ov a thousand aukshun sales, which iz the only place she visits, except the meat, and vegetable markets. Everything on the table, and about the house, inkluding attendance, iz meazzured out at the rate ov about nine ounces to the pound, and the whole thing runs dry, and squeaking like the axles ov a waggon, in want ov grease. Thare iz not one solitary, genuine cumfort, in theze concerns, and men, and wimmin, liv, year after year, in theze hash asylums, cursing them every day, and without the moral force to desert them.

I was once told ov one landlady who kept a party ov four young fellows in her house, two months longer than they wanted to stay, bi putting a ten cent stamp into the hash every morning. The landlady dealt out the hash, and managed to get the stamp every time.

DUST.

The way of the transgressor iz hard,—and there ain't no transgressor kan dodge it neither.

———o———

Experience iz about all that old age can boast ov, and how often iz even this ov the bitterest kind.

31 Days. DECEMBER. 1878.

Thar hiz hide is stript off,
And two dollars brings,
And his bones are workt up,
Into buttons and things.

♉	♒	*Brevitys.*
1	G	Orphull § kold ≅
2	M	now ☁ hunt § for
3	T	♈ ice ♒ it ▭
4	W	○ waxes kolder ±
5	T	⊙ Zeke ● Davis ☾
6	F	born 1850 ♎ big ♋
7	S	~ s-n-o ⚑ storm ☾
8	G	☾ Zeke waz ☽
9	M	/a ÷ henpecked ♃
10	T	man ⊙ it is winter
11	W	now ‡ the ♈ cow
12	T	s–h–i–v–e–r–e–t–h^
13	F	☾ more ☁ bitter ☽
14	S	☽ Adam / was ⊙
15	G	☞ a phool ☜
16	M	☾ more ✲ snow ☽
17	T	‖ now maim wood †
18	W	dredphull ✲ cold ▯
19	T	~~ man is ~~
20	F	/a~f–a–i–l–u–r–e ‖
21	S	☁ wind northy ▭
22	G	bi ☾ north ♂ now
23	M	pay ☁ your honest
24	T	dets ‖ it grows cold
25	W	now! comfort ‖ your
26	T	wife (!) more snow
27	F	Buy Josh Billings'
28	S	A–l–l–m–i–n–a–x §
29	G	sighns ov a thaw (?)
30	M	Let ☽ us ☽ meet
31	T	☞ here again ☜

SKIMMINGS.

I have a grate kuriosity now to kno when the next flood is a going to take place, and whether thare kan be found on the face ov the earth a crew fit to man the next ark with.

I hav heard wize men phrovesy, and fools guess, all mi life, but i never hav kept enny count which ov them haz got it right the oftenest.

When i waz a boy i allwuss wanted tommorow to cum, in middle life i wanted a day to last allways, now that i hav got older, i look at yesterday, and to day, and compare them with tommorow, and wonder what all this fuss iz about.

Thare iz lots ov people in this world, who spend so mutch time watching their healths, that they haint got no time to enjoy it.

A LONG PARAGRAFF.

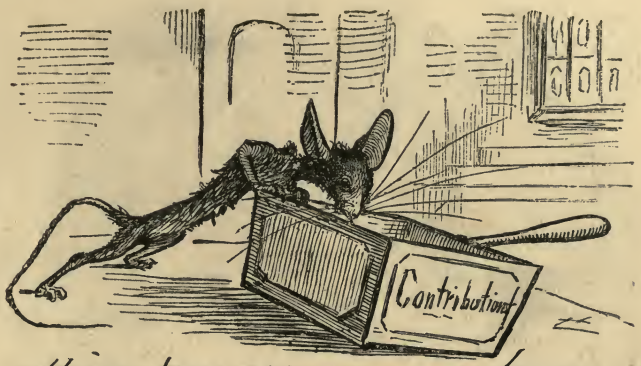
Guessing iz a dredphull poor trade, i had just about az soon hav a man tell me a lie az to guess at a thing, in case ov doubt ask yure wife, when the sun shines wimmin are butterflys, and luv to bask in its rays, but when the dark hours cum, and even hope begins to look over its shoulder, ask yure wife about it, and she will either puntch a hole thru the klowd, or lift up one corner ov it, and sho yu a star, I luv babys, i luv them bekauze they are aktually necessary, I luv them bekauze they wont lie, I luv them bekauze they may be the next president sum time, i luv them bekauze i waz a baby once miself, and perhaps sumboddy loved me, i hav sumtimes thought gamblers were az honest az they kan afford to be, they allwuss giv notiss before hand that they will cheat you if they kan, I beleave in one wife, one dog, and one friend, with a few cheerfull acquaintances thrown in to make up the assortment, doenutts and cheeze are lawful tenders in Nu England, nine doenutts, a quarter ov a pound ov old cheeze, and a pint ov sharp sider, iz a luncheon fit for a nuly elekted Justiss ov the Peace, or a trakt pedlar, dandys are things ov the past, I havn't seen a regular full blossomed, old fashioned dandy, going on now seven years, I * * * * * *

SEDIMENT.

When a coquet falls in luv, she falls in all over, prudes make a mental reservashun.

———o———

I would rather number amung mi intimates, an ideot, or even a pikpocket, than infidel.



Mice kan liv enny whare
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Whenever i see a real hansum woman engaged in the "wmmm rights" bizzness, i am a going to take off mi hat, and jine the proceshun.—
See if i dont. Josh Billings

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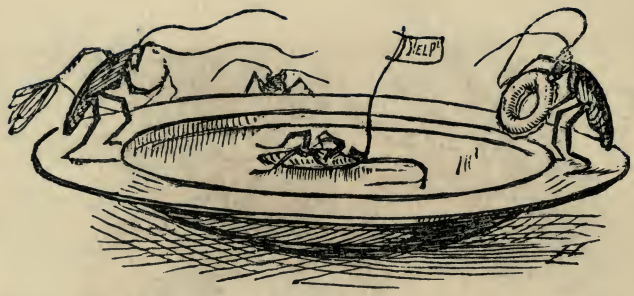

The cockroach dont liv on what he eats, but what he kan git into, and often finding him ded in mi soup, i har cum to the konklushun, that he kant swim, but that he kan float for a long time = Josh Billings

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Neck. ●

Breast. ♑

Bowels. ♋

Secrets. ♎

Knees. ♎

Feet. ♋

KAN THIS BE TRU?

I hav finally cum to the konklushun that if I kant prove a thing without betting 5 dollars on it, the thing haz got a dredphull weak spot sumwhare.

BLO, BROTHERS, BLO.

Yung man, dont be afrade to blo
yure oun horn, but dont blo
it in front or the proceshun,
go to the rear and do it.=
yure uncle, Josh Billings.=

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———o———

Q.—Will yu pleze define an Enthuziast?

A.—An Enthuziast iz a party who beleaves about 4 times az mutch az he kan prove, and who kan prove about 4 times az mutch az ennyboddy else beleaves.

———o———

Q.—What three things hav dun the most to civilize the world?

A.—The Bible, the looking-glass, and the muskett.

———o———

Q.—Whitch iz the most reddy animile?

A.—The mule—they alwuss sleep standing, so to be on hand when the kiking begins to flow.

———o———

Q.—What iz the quikest food on reckord?

A.—The oyster on the haff shell—they kan be et sitting, standing, or on the run.

TOO MUTCH OV A FIT.

The reputashun that a man gits from hiz ansestors, often wants az mutch altering to fit him, az their old clothes would.= It iz truly thus; Josh Billings.=

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31 Days. JANUARY. 1879.

AQUARIUS. THE WATER BEARER.

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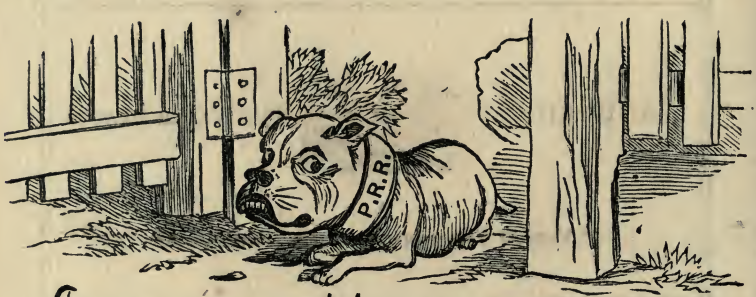
☉	♆	*The Slate.*	*KRYSTALS.*
1	W	☾ *Keep* * *cool* *	Yung man, set down, and keep still, yu will hav plenty ov chances yet to make a phool ov yureself before yu die.
2	T	> *korn* ‖ *starch* <	
3	F	♈ *it snows* ♈	
4	S	● *invented* □	
5	G	☾ now § 1835 ☽	
6	M	♒ / iz ▭ the / ♒	
7	T	☉winter ☉ *Sam*☉	
8	W	ov our *Peterkin*	
9	T	* * diskontent * *	
10	F	☉ *born* † *kolder* ♋	
11	S	§ 1202 Φ more §	It iz a wize man who proffits bi hiz own experience—but it iz a good deal wizer one, who lets the rattlesnaik bite the other phellow.
12	G	kolder ☉ ♒ ☉ *Sam*	
13	M	— now — *waz* —	
14	T	☊ rake * *a* ☋	
15	W	*r*i*g*h*t*e*o*u*s	
16	T	▷☉ in ♋ ice ☉◁	
17	F	*man* ♃ ♈ *ω sighns*	
18	S	♏ †‖ *the* ♏ *ov* Ψ Ψ	
19	G	*frog* ☋ *snow*	
20	M	○ *lies* ▯ *kolder* ○	
21	T	♎ ♒ *still* ♀ now ♏ ♎	Take all the phools out ov this world, and thare wouldn't be enny phun, nor proffit living in it.
22	W	*snow* ♉ ⊏ ♉ jam	
23	T	☋ 2 ‖ *feet* ‖ fires ☋	
24	F	*deep* ⎫ — ⎧ Mozes	
25	S	ΦΦ *a thaw* ΦΦ	
26	G	B*u*r*b*a*n*k*s–	
27	M	▭*now* ‡ deceased▭	
28	T	☾ — 1 8 1 8 — ☽	Allmost enny phool kan prove that the bible aint true, it takes a wize man to beleave it.
29	W	Φ S–w–a–l–l–o–w Φ	
30	T	● *kolder* ☉ cider ●	
31	F		

BOSS OV THE SITUASHUN.



I never question a suckcess enny more than I do the right or a bull dog to lie in hiz own gateway.=
so I dont, Josh Billings.=

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PICES, THE FISHES.

Two Perch—possibly one Smelt.

(!)	♒	*The Slate.*	*CENTER SHOTS.*
1	S	☞ *Kold* ¶ now	I would az soon think ov pulling the feathers out ov a peakoks tale, az to interfere with inosent vanity ov a man.
2	G	* *waxes* ♨ make *	
3	M	🖎 *snow* ax ☞	
4	T	*falls* ⊣ ⊢ handles	
5	W	< Kate ‖ *aufull* >	
6	T	Sherman ▫ ‖ ▫ *koldy*	
7	F	♍ ⁞⁞ fell *more* ⁞⁞ ♍	
8	S	Kate * * * *	
9	G	⊙⊙ *koldness* ⊙⊙	
10	M	* * * * fell	When a wize man undertakes to do a kunning thing he allmost allways makes a mizerable failure ov it.
11	T	♆ *the* ⊂⊃ down ♆	
12	W	● ¶ *Bumblebee* ¶ ●	
13	T	cellar ☞ 🖎 *lies*	
14	F	Σ *now dreaming* Ξ	
15	S	◯ *krak* * *kolder* ◯	
16	G	*buttnutts* ⊂⊃ ⊂⊃ *it*	
17	M	♂ Adam ♉ *snows* ♂	Marrid life iz a little game, in which the woman, if she iz called, iz allmost sure to hav a strate flush.
18	T	▯ Brown ⊏⊐ *it* ▯	
19	W	kreated ♋ ♊ *thaws*	
20	T	♡ 1400 Adam ♡	
21	F	*more* Y *snow* Y waz	
22	S	♒ *now* a ‡ natral ⁞⁞	
23	G	☞ *pay* kuss 🖎	
24	M	*dets* ——†—— Ben	The man who knows a thing, and can tell it in the fewest words, iz the hardest kind of a man to beat in a kross examinashun.
25	T	● *still* ♌ Franklin ●	
26	W	*kolder* ☾ ▫ ☽ waz	
27	T	¶ *thawy* ¶ a ¶ kard ¶	
28	F		

KAN THIS BE THUS?

The diffrence between a mistake, and a blunder.

When a man sets down a poor umbreller, And takes up a good one, he makes a mistake. but when he sets down a good umbreller, and takes up a poor one, he makes a blunder.=
Excuse haste. Josh Billings.

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ARIES, THE RAM.

On the War Path.—The hit ov the seazon.

♎	♈	*The Slate.*
1	S	*W i n d* ⊏ > ⊙
2	G	☞*—*—*—now
3	M	♈ *howls* ♋ tan ♈
4	T	*more* ☽ woodchuk
5	W	> *wind* ▭ skins <
6	T	P e t e — *w i n d*
7	F	⊙–⊙ Perkins ⊙–⊙
8	S	*r-i-z-e-s* ♈ b-o.r-n
9	G	☆ *more* Φ Ξ 1840 ☆
10	M	*w i n d f u l l* ——
11	T	—— P e t e *** *i t*
12	W	⊕ *rains* ♈ waz /
13	T	☞-coloured-☞
14	F	*sighns* ☾ ♈ ☽ he
15	S	● waz ⁎ *ov* ♂ ♯ ⁜
16	G	*snow* ⊸ a ▷ ~ ◁
17	M	c -o -l -o -u -r -e -d
18	T	— *now* — barber —
19	W	⊣ *d* ‡ *r* ‡ *a* ‡ *w* ⊢
20	T	*the* ♎♎♎♎♎ *off*
21	F	⊕ ~ ♎ *violet* ♎ ~ ⊕
22	S	—— *a c k o u n t s*
23	G	▭ *haz* ∠ *more* ▭
24	M	*cum* ♋ *windfull*
25	T	⟨ § ⟩ now *it* §—§
26	W	*blows* ¶ ¶ ¶ drink
27	T	●–●–Noah–●–●
28	F	.... Egg had ....
29	S	— n o g g ♎ 3 —
30	G	*it* ♈ *blows* ♈ boys Ξ
31	M	

DU DROPS.

The things that i kant prove i beleave the most, i beleave that one apple iz sour, and another one sweet, but i will giv enny highly eddikated man, a span ov matched mules, who will tell me what makes them so.

———∞———

I hav lived just long enuff to find out how little i kno, and no man who throws away hiz faith, iz ever going to be very wize.

———∞———

The smartest thing about enny man iz hiz conshience, he may outargy hiz reazon, or stutify hiz faith, but he kant beat hiz conshience.

———∞———

The best thing i kno ov iz a fust rate wife, and the next best thing, is a sekond rate one.

OH! OH! OH!

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TAURUS, THE BULL.

Bound for Wall Street.—Bring on yure Bear.

♃	♁	*The Slate.*
1	T	☞ April *now*
2	W	▫ fool ▫ *pluk* ▫
3	T	†–*r*—*a*—*i*—*n*—*y*–†
4	F	♨Ξ *dandylions*Ξ♨
5	S	*more*ώ.....ώJulia
6	G	◁*w**e*t*f*u*l*l▷
7	M	☞*Higgins‖☞
8	T	*warm*~§~§~died
9	W	❂ *wet* ♋ *rain* ❂
10	T	1874 Φ ~~ Φ Julia
11	F	☾Ω*much* ‡ wasΩ☽
12	S	*moist* ——— a
13	G	▫§prude ‖ *now*§ ▫
14	M	*wetty* ☃ *the*
15	T	● David § *goose* ●
16	W	slu ☞ ☜ *yells*
17	T	Φ.... Golier....Φ
18	F	*Expekt* *** *windy*
19	S	♨ *frogs* ♨ *snow* ♨
20	G	*m–o–r–e*- — -*s–o–w*
21	M	~~*wind*~~
22	T	⊢*gardin* ⁜ ♀ ⌒ *8*
23	W	.. James .. *sass* ..
24	T	⊙⊙⊙*much*⊙⊙⊙
25	F	≅ Bukannan ≅
26	S	....**cooler* iz*....
27	G	ded ¶ ¶ ¶ ¶ sitch
28	M	♈ *more* — izY
29	T	● ❂ *rain* life ❂ ●
30	W	

DOOR KNOBS.

Caushun iz a good thing for a man to hav, but when he haz got so mutch ov it, that he iz afrade to tutch a kast iron lion, for fear it will bite, ignoranse iz what's the matter ov him.

In courtship i hav allwus advised the oblique rather than the vertikal process, if yure mistress diskovers too mutch anxiety in yu, she iz sure to diskover less in herself.

Thare aint nothing that a man will thrive so well on az abuse that aint merited.

Whenever yu cum akrost a man who distrusts everyboddy, yu hav found one whom it is safe for everyboddy to distrust.

Much haz been sed about Milk, but the best thing I hav ever seen on it—iz the kream.

Josh Billings, and the Yung Man.=

Yung Man, dont kry for spilt milk, but pik up yure pail, and milking stool, and go for the next Cow.=
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GEMINI, THE TWINS.

Dubletts—a lucky throw.

☾	☐	*The Slate.*	*BIRDS' EGGS.*
1	T	△ *Soft* ¶ now ☽	
2	F	♀ *and* ⊕ stik ♀	It iz bad enuff to be a fust rate
3	S	*sunny* §—§—§ in	monkey, but to be a third rate
4	G	☙ peas *sum* ☙	one iz more disastrous than to be
5	M	— O b a d i a h —	an idiot.
6	T	*r* | *a* | *i* | *n* | | |	
7	W	*-*-*-*‡Farnharm	
8	T	~ *more* waz ~	
9	F	☞ *soft* a ☞	
10	S	◻ m i l l e r i t e ◻	Thare iz no sure kure for lazy-
11	G	——*wetly*——	ness, but i hav known a seckond
12	M	⌓ *now ☙ *mild** ⌓	wife to hurry it sum.
13	T	....| snatch | ...	
14	W	*c o o l* ⌗ ☉ ⌗ ☉ ⌗	
15	T	✱ ♅ ● ♌ ☙ lettiss	
16	F	⌓ ☙ C*a*i*n ⌓ ☙	It iz the suprizes ov life that
17	S	*more* ——|●|——	add most to our plezzures; one
18	G	*rain* ⌐ ⌇⌇ ¬ hit	man iz suprized with a legacy
19	M	▷ *wind* ∧ Able ◁	from a ritch unkle, another, that
20	T	*s o u t h y* § n o w	the old spekled hen haz just cum
21	W	⌘ *butiful* sot ⌘	off the nest, with 27 chickens.
22	T	: : *weather* : :	
23	F	● h ⁝⁝ e ⁝⁝ n ⁝⁝ s ●	
24	S	*more* ☾ △ ☽ Gen.	
25	G	‡—‡ *c o o l e r* ‡—‡	
26	M	~ G r a n t ~	
27	T	*w*i*n*d*——§☞	Gamblers, nor infidels, havn't
28	W	waz ⌂ *north* ⌂ *a*	faith enuff in their profeshions, to
29	T	☙ *it* † *rains* ☙	teach it to their children.
30	F	a ○ *wet* ○ tanner	
31	S		

NOW, AINT THIS SO?

Josh Billings Ultimatum.—

The man who kan wear a paper collar, a whole week, and keep it klean,—ain't good for enny thing else.—

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CANCER, THE KRAB.

A Shell-Fish—pretty mutch all shell.

●	⊏	*The Slate.*
1	G	+ *Hottish* ‡ *now*
2	M	A-b-e-l ⊙ ∽∼ ♆
3	T	≅ *so* △ *peas* ≅
4	W	——* Young *——
5	T	*rainy* Φ departed
6	F	♒ *wind* ♂ 1851 ♒
7	S	♐ *Easty* ‖ Abel ß
8	G	*hotter* ♋ ♋ died
9	M	—*it*,∽—*rains* —
10	T	young – *cooler* ∗ *8*
11	W	♋ ß aged ‡ *warm*
12	T	♎ 16 ♉ now ♎
13	F	*thunder* –□– the
14	S	¶ lam * Sampson ¶
15	G	∼sporteth ‡ waz∼
16	M	☾ ♈ *litening* ♈ ☽
17	T	∽a ‡ strengthy∽
18	W	*more* ▷——◁ *hot*
19	T	●man ♋ Judith●
20	F	*wetty* § Ferguson
21	S	‡ *cooler* married ☞
22	G	⊓ *big* ¶ *warmth*
23	M	♋ 1846 ♗ now ♋
24	T	*wind* ∽◯∽ bild
25	W	♎‖ *Easty* bokays ‖♎
26	T	*cooler* ⁝⁝ Columbus
27	F	⊩ *it* ♎ *rains* ⊣
28	S	found § *hotter* ♈
29	G	⊙ □ ♎ Amerika
30	M	

BLOSSOMS.

Yu kan possibly argy a man out ov hiz religion, but you kant out ov the color ov hiz nektye, or the squeeze ov hiz boots.

Luv between wimmin iz impossible, even friendship iz only praktikabel.

Thare iz nothing so skarse az originality, even an original phool would be a grate relief just now.

The man who never makes enny blunders iz a very nice piece ov masheenery,—that's all.

THARE SEEMS TO BE WISDUM IN THIS.

Josh Billings, and the Bull.

Never take the Bull bi the horns Yung Man, but take him bi the tale. then yu kan let go when yu want to.=
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LEO, THE LION.

Strayed or Stolen.—Return to P. T. Barnum.

♋	♃	*The Slate.*
1	T	♃ *Grate warmth*
2	W	the Ψ *sighns* ~
3	T	♑ — hog *ov* — ♍
4	F	**l***i***t***e***n***i***n***g**
5	S	panteth ☾ ♁ ☽
6	G	♄ + ♑ now ‡ *hotter*
7	M	dig — □ Φ □ — *more*
8	T	☉ *hotter* ♞ for ☉
9	W	*it* ♓ ♗ ♓ *rains*
10	T	♒ ice ☞ Bill ♒
11	F	*wind* —⊙— Purdy
12	S	*** *south* quit ***
13	G	*mutch* —‡‡— 1822
14	M	♏ *t.h.u.n.d.e.r* ♏
15	T	Bill ▷ ○ ◁ *hottish*
16	W	——— had ———
17	T	*litening** ☞ ‡ ☞
18	F	☞ ☞ the heart
19	S	♉ *it* * *rains* ♉
20	G	♞ ♑ ailment ♑ ♞
21	M	George ⁝.⁝:⁝.⁝:⁝.⁝:⁝
22	T	⊕ *more* ♋ *rain* ⊕
23	W	⁝.⁝:⁝.⁝:*Washington
24	T	♈ *windy* ♨ fit ♈
25	F	*cooler* ⌣ ⌒ ⌣ into
26	S	♡ ♡ ♡ *bright* ♡ ♡ ♡
27	G	the ♨ ♨ revolushun
28	M	♃ *very* ↔ ↔ *now* ♃
29	T	— ☾ *hot keep* ☽ —
30	W	*litening* *⁝⁝* *cool*
31	T	

RAINBOWS.

I never tri to settle other peoples quarrells, i hav seen men tri to do this, and git badly whipt bi both partys.

———∞———

Hunting for happiness iz like hunting for hen's eggs away under the barn, after yu hav fonnd them, haff the time yu find they are addled.

———∞———

Thare iz lots ov people in this world who say they haint got enny faith in a heaven or hell, and yet they hav got faith enuff to invest their last dollar in a lottery ticket, or a bottle ov quak medisin.

———∞———

I kno ov men whoze word iz better than their bond, these are the knight errants ov honesty.

BUTIFULL, BUT FRAIL.

Josh Billings, and the Twins.=

Thare iz 2 things in this world for which we are never fully prepared, and that iz,— twins.=

Jess so, Jess so, Josh Billings.

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VIRGO, THE VIRGIN,

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☽	♌	*The Slate.*
1	F	*** *Big* Sam ♡
2	S	*shower* ~~ Loyd
3	G	☾*heaty* ♏ born☽
4	M	*mutch* —♊— *wet*
5	T	♓ 1820 ● now ♓
6	W	*wind* ⇥ △ ⇤ hive
7	T	*8 sou* * *east* * ☞
8	F	bees ‡ h-o-n-e-s-t-y
9	S	✳ *more* ☙ *hot* ✳
10	G	—— iz ⊙ the ——
11	M	*thund r* ‡ △ ‡ best
12	T	☸ *and* ⌈ policy ☸
13	W	*litening* ♁ ♁Moses
14	T	☾ *wind* □ and ☽
15	F	*l-i-g.h-t* ‡ A-a-r-o-n
16	S	♨ *hard* ♨ were ♨
17	G	*shower* ♨ ‡ ♨ near
18	M	☙ *now* – nabors ☙
19	T	*mix* ≅ ♂ ≅ *grate*
20	W	⊩ *juleps* ♒ *heat* ⊩
21	T	K*a*t*e ♁ *w*e*t*
22	F	‡ Davis ‡ *kloudy* ‡
23	S	died ° *windy* □ ≅♊
24	G	⊕♏ 1849 ₀ Robert
25	M	✳ *big* ✳ Burns ✳
26	T	▭ ♁ *hot* ☙ waz
27	W	*more* ‡ a ⇔ ♅ | —
28	T	.·.·c.·o·.o.·l·.e.·r·.·.
29	F	–♊-ploughman-♊–
30	S	⊕ ⊙ *it* ● *rains* ⊙ ⊕
31	G	

DRIPLETS.

Mules are like sum men, after yu hav studdid their karakter for 5 years cluss, the best thing yu kan do, iz to git an average on them.

Thare aint nothing so cheap az bad spellin, and if it iz sutch an element of suckcess az sum shrewd kriticks hav diskovered, they owe it to their airs, and assines, to adopt it at once, and bekum ritch and famus.

No man haz ever yet bekum so wize az to kno how mutch he luvs himself, and how little hiz nabor.

It iz quite common to meet people who hav more religion, and even morality, than they hav common sense.

LOOK OUT FOR THE ENGINE WHEN THE BELL RINGS.

Josh Billings on the haff shell.=

The man who swallowed the fust oyster, from the haff shell must hav been astonished, at the sudden way it waz dun, but I dont beleave he waz more suprized, than the oyster waz.= Josh.=

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☽	☺	*The Slate.*
1	M	*Cool* * now ♂
2	T	*and* ‡ pik ♓ ☽
3	W	⊙ *kloudy* ♋ geese ⊙
4	T	Dave ♐ × ♐ *rainy*
5	F	Pettibone
6	S	*w-i-n-d* m-a-r-r-i-d
7	G	♄ ∝ *noth* he Ω =
8	M	*East* ♐ ♋ ☽ marrid
9	T	*more* ♋ for
10	W	*wetty* □ luv
11	T	♋ now ♂ *cooler* ⊙
12	F	chew ‡ ‡ *more*
13	S	△ apples * *cooler* △
14	G	—— Solaman ——
15	M	♎ Ω ♏ *slight* § had
16	T	mutch Ψ *frost* ♑
17	W	Σ ♏ wives Φ *now*
18	T	—*windy* ⊙ the—
19	F	*warmy* ♍ litening
20	S	*cool* ‡ bug
21	G	*nights* Φ Φ puts
22	M	— | *wind* ¶ in | —
23	T	*southy* : ——— : an
24	W	♐ ♐ *more* ♐
25	T	-a-p-p-e-a-r-a-n-c-e-
26	F	*wetful* – Gen. ♈ ☽
27	S	♌ *windy* ‡ Jackson
28	G	*wet* * would ♎
29	M	—⊙ ♒ sware ♒ ⊙—
30	T	

HOT STUFF.

Yung man studdy politeness, even if yu ask a man for hiz tooth pik, after he haz got dun using it, dont fale to thank him politely for it.

Lasting friendships kan only exist between equals, superiority insists upon respekt, and inferiority iz too often apt to excite pitty.

If yu want to find out a man's tru karakter examin him at home bi the fire side, here he iz the hero ov the ockashun, and iz angelick, or devlish, in spite ov himself.

Thare aint no sutch things az *invenshuns*, all things that we hav are *diskoverys*.

MI FRIEND, WHAT DO YU THINK OV THIS?

Don't hurry things mi sweet friend, the best time to sett a hen,— iz when the hen iz reddy.=

Try it—Josh Billings.—

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SCORPIO, THE SKORPION.

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☉	♎	*The Slate.*	*WILD FLOWERS.*
1	W	♋ *Frostly* – now	Virtew iz the only standard to mezzure men, or things by, it iz possible to be grate, and devlish at the same time.
2	T	*winde* ♂ ask ♊ ♉	
3	F	♏ *sharp* ♖ for	
4	S	Jake ☽ sum ☞	
5	G	~~~–Tanner–~~~	
6	M	nu ‖ died ‖ s-i-d-e-r	
7	T	≅ *cool* ♉ Jake ≅	
8	W	*wind* ~~~ waz	Thare iz only one kind ov person who iz fit to liv in solitude, and he iz the one who iz capable ov adorning enny posishun in sosiety.
9	T	☾ *northy* △ hit ☽	
10	F	*sharp* ⊙ ♀ ♆	
11	S	♒ ♃ by ♋ *frost*	
12	G	☞ a ☆ *last* ☞	
13	M	♐ muel ♀ *night* ♑	
14	T	—B-o-n-a-p-a-r-t—	
15	W	*kold* ♟ ♀ ♟ waz	Thoze who hav real merit are the last ones to see it in themselfs, and the fust ones to see it in others.
16	T	§‡§‡§ *leaves* §‡§‡§	
17	F	ov ♊ ——— ♊ *are*	
18	S	♋♆ f r e n c h ♆♋	
19	G	~~~ *falling* ~~~	
20	M	☾ p-a-r-i-e-n-t-s ☽	
21	T	now —♯— 3 — ☉	
22	W	✱—♌ *still* § hunt	
23	T	*kolder* ♎ ♀ for	If thare ever iz a perfektly happy person found in this world, it will be the one who haz got but little, and dont want enny thing more.
24	F	♒ *windy* ↔ § ↔	
25	S	♋ ⊙ chesnutts ♉	
26	G	☞ ♂ E-v-e ♈ ☞	
27	M	*more* ¶ § ♎ ‖ ‡ ¶	
28	T	▷ *kold* △ died ◁	
29	W	⁝.⁝.⁝.⁝.⁝.⁝.⁝ Early ✱	
30	T		
31	F		

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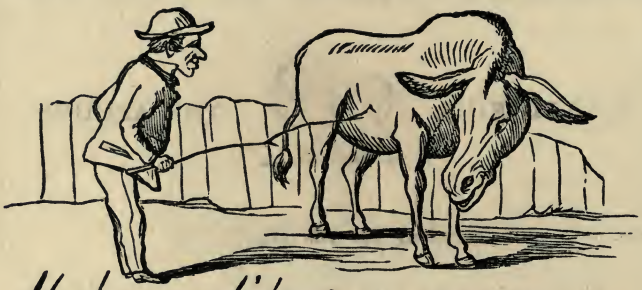
SAGITTARIUS, THE ARCHER.

Sarching for the Bull's Eye.

☿	♯	*The Slate.*	*FALLING LEAVES.*
1	S	♗ *Chilly* ♗ the	Lasting reputashuns are ov a slo growth, the man who wakes up famus sum morning, iz very apt to go to bed sum night and sleep it all off.
2	G	*windful* ♐ snake	
3	M	♗ now △ seeks ♋	
4	T	*puntch* ——— hiz	
5	W	☿ *fires* ♉ den ▭	
6	T	Fred ◐ □ *kolder*	
7	F	♁ Smith ♍ *it* ♂ ♆	
8	S	☿ *rains* ♋ waz ⊐	
9	G	♗ ♏ *snowy* ♒ a ♂	
10	M	*now* Φ∼∼Φ Stage	
11	T	♟ *pay* ♏ driver ♉	Man waz kreated a little lower than the angells, and he haz been a gitting a little lower ever since.
12	W	*taxes* ♒ □ ♍ Fred	
13	T	☊ *now* Φ drove ≅	
14	F	*pay* ⊙ □ ⊙ from	
15	S	*pew* Belchertown ♊	
16	G	☞ *rent* ♐ into	
17	M	*now* ✳ Boston Σ Φ	A man with a very small hed on him iz like a pin without enny, very apt to git into things beyond hiz depth.
18	T	♟ *visit* ♎ *it* ♟	
19	W	*the* □ ☻ □ *grows*	
20	T	♗ *diskonsolate* ♗	
21	F	*raw* ⊐ ♈ the	
22	S	♋ *wind* Siamese ♂	
23	G	*lifts* ♏ twins ☞	
24	M	♑ *more* △ hav ☊	I hav seen folks who i thought had too mutch propriety, it would be a relief to see them do sumthing just a little phoolish, once in a while.
25	T	*snow* ≅ departed	
26	W	□ our ∼ *rainy* ∝	
27	T	fourfathers ♎ *hard*	
28	F	♂ hav ± *frost* ♀	
29	S	gone ⊕ ☿ alass !	
30	G		

DANGER.



Mules are like summen, very corrupt at harte,—I har knoun them to be good mules for 6 months, just to git a good chance to kik sumboddy = Josh Billings =

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☿	♒	*The Slate.*	*FAG ENDS.*
1	M	◐ *Bitter* ♁ now	The world all praze the philosophers, but toss their pennys into the caps ov the monkeys.
2	T	*k.o-l-d* ∴ ◠ ∴ set	
3	W	♯ *it* ♎ *snows* ♒	
4	T	☞ □ down □ ☜	
5	F	♋ *kolder* ♂ ——— ♦	
6	S	◐ before ☉ *now* ♍	
7	G	the ♅ ⌒ ♀ *drink*	
8	M	♂ kitchen ♆ *hot* ♯	
9	T	*stuff* § ∝ ∞ ¶ fire	
10	W	♏ *more* ♁ now ♊	
11	T	*snow* ◠ ♯ ☽ krak	
12	F	♯ *high* ‡ wallnuts ♂	
13	S	*winds* ♦ ♁ ♦ now	
14	G	☉ *big* ♯ post ☉	
15	M	⌒ ♂ *s-t-o-r-m* ♊ ♎	
16	T	⌒§ Books §⌒	
17	W	*sleety* ☻ ♈ ◐ now	
18	T	▷ *more* ♎ read ◁	
19	F	— ♒ *stormy* ♒ —	
20	S	A§I§I§m§i§n§a§x	
21	G	♌ *now it thaws* ♁	
22	M	sing ♃ *kolder* ☻ ♎	
23	T	♈ ♋ psalms † now	
24	W	♆ *snow* ♏ Eat ♀	
25	T	♂ ♊ ♊ ♊ pork	
26	F	♍ *feet* □ *and* ♏	
27	S	☽ *d-e-e-p* ♂ ⊕ ♋	
28	G	♌ ♂ ♯ *beans* ☉	
29	M	Good ——— Bye	
30	T	☞ ♊ Boys ♊ ☜	
31	W	Yours, †♈§ J. B.	

———∞———

It iz allwus safe to follow the religious beleaf that our Mother taught us,—thare never waz a Mother yet, who taught her child to be an infidel.

———∞———

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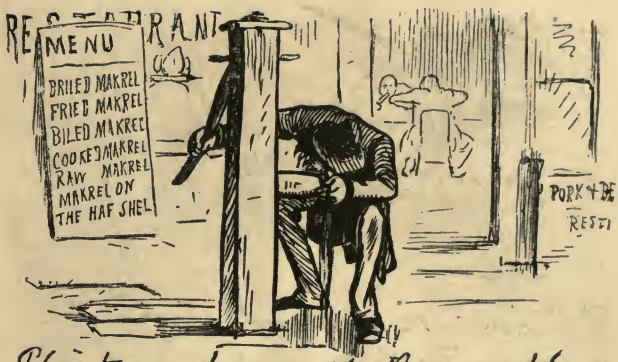

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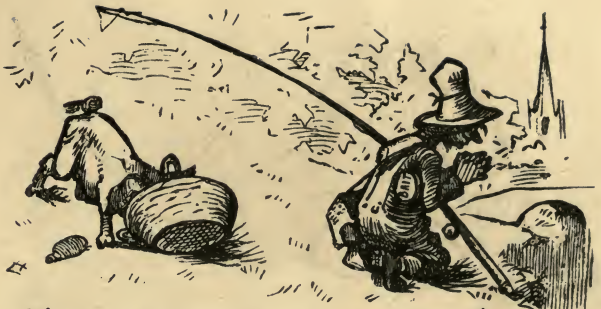

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